Two Tragedies Mar Celebration In Ashland Neighborhood

Weather

FORECAST: Continued fair and warm tonight and Friday.

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Highest Yesterday 92
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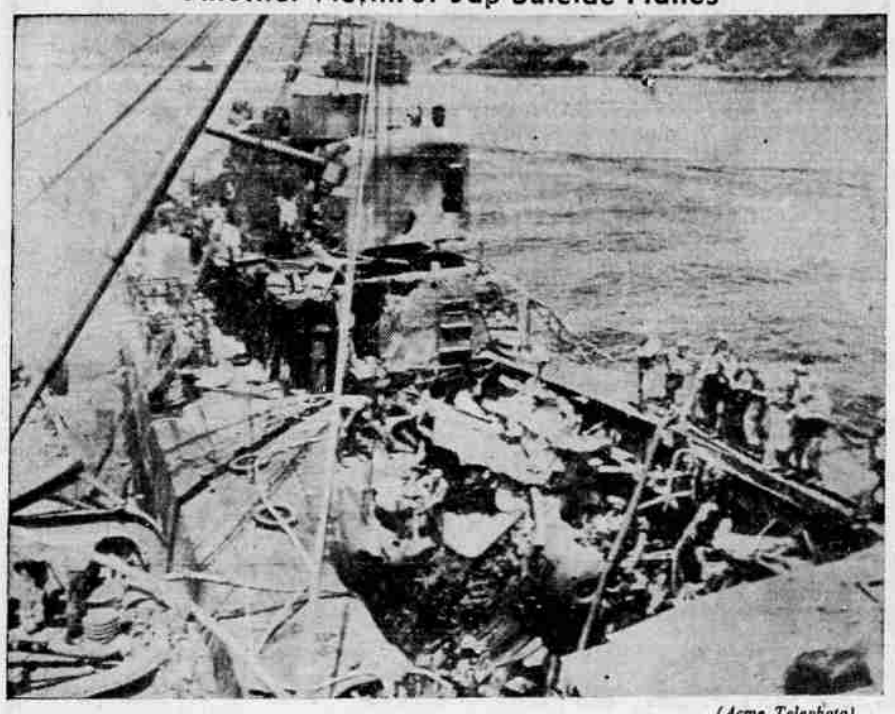
Another Victim of Jap Suicide Planes



(Acme Telephoto)

Her entire after deck a gaping ruin, the USS Newcomb limps into port after Jap suicide plane struck off Ie Shima, April 6, left her dead in the water. The heroic destroyer suffered 91 casualties. (FOR RELEASE AT 5 P. M., PWT, JULY 5TH)

FIRE DESTROYS REPAIR SHOP OF PROSPECT MILL

Fire completely destroyed the repair shop of the Goetz Lumber company sawmill at Prospect Tuesday night, according to the state forest patrol. The blaze was believed to have started in the engine of the power plant and caused damage estimated at $8,000, the patrol office stated. Damage was mostly to equipment, tools, supplies, etc.

The conflagration was discovered about 9:30 p.m. and raged uncontrolled until 12:30 a.m. A night watchman was the only person about the mill when the fire started, according to the forest patrol.

Crews from the mill, United States Forest Service and State Forest Patrol combatted the blaze. Forest patrol headquarters said it was not believed necessary to close the mill while repairs are made.

Chamber Meeting At Holland Friday

With complete redecoration of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce reception room, meeting room and offices underway, the semi-monthly meeting of the board of directors will be held at the Hotel Holland Friday noon. Routine business will be discussed and committee reports will include a summary of mineral resources of this area by T. M. Gerety, chairman of the chamber's mining committee.

All members of the chamber are invited to attend regular open meetings of the board and reservations may be made by phoning either the chamber office or the Hotel Holland. The meeting will be held in the rear lounge of the hotel.

Vets On Filthy Trains While Nazis Ride Pullmans, Charge

Camp Beale, Cal., July 5.—(U.P.)—Eight hundred veterans of the European and North African campaigns today prepared for pre-Pacific furloughs after trips across the continent in two Toonerville-type trains they said were filthy and infested with vermin.

Meanwhile, army officials here and in Washington began an investigation of the trips and of reports that eastbound German war prisoners had passed one of the trains in Pullmans.

Conditions on an eight-car commuter train which brought 500 soldiers here from Ft. Miles Standish, Mass., were described yesterday by Lt. Col. Peter DePaolo, former auto racing driver.

A second train reached Camp Beale from Charleston, S. C., a few hours later with 300 officers and men of the 15th air force aboard. DePaolo's description of the assertedly grimy, cootie-ridden trip "sounds exactly like our train," members of the 15th air force contingent declared.

"Soot a half inch thick" covered the men after semi-sleepless nights in the overcrowded day coaches, Lt. Ray K. Delahunt, a P-38 pilot from Los Angeles said.

A war department spokesman in Washington announced that an investigation had been started and pointed out regulations forbade use of Pullmans for war prisoners who were not hospital cases.

TRUMAN ORDERS GOODYEAR TIRE PLANT SEIZURE

Washington, July 5.—(U.P.)—President Truman today ordered the navy to seize the Goodyear Tire & Rubber plants at Akron, O., scene of a persistent, 19-day strike.

Mr. Truman acted after the union, the United Rubber Workers of America (CIO), refused to abide by repeated war labor board orders for the 16,700 strikers to return to work. Davis said the Goodyear production was "urgently needed by our military forces."

The plants were producing heavy-duty tires, aircraft tires, refueling hose and other rubber products for war use.

The president's seizure order authorized the navy to take any action necessary—including use of armed forces—to provide protection for the plants and all persons employed in them or seeking employment, and their families and homes.

AIRPLANES DROP PRACTICE BOMBS

Objects dropped from two airplanes in the Table Rock and Crater Lake districts yesterday were identified today by army authorities as 500-pound practice bombs containing sand, released from two B-29 army bombers which developed engine trouble and were forced to make landings at the Medford airfield.

First of the planes dropped its load over Table Rock about noon and the second in the Crater Lake district about 9 p.m.

Both planes were making routine training flights, and on developing engine trouble were forced to release the practice bombs to decrease weight before landing. No damage was caused in the remote area.

TRUCK HIT BY TRAIN DELAYED AT ROSEBURG

A Consolidated Freightways truck loaded with bacon and stockings was delayed when struck by Southern Pacific passenger train number 329 at Roseburg about 3 a.m. today, according to a report from state police and Consolidated offices here. The train struck the trailer of the truck and did not injure Victor Wrigglesworth, Eugene, who was driving, according to the report.

STRIKE HALTS TRAMS

Toronto, July 5.—(U.P.)—A strike of electrical workers paralyzed street railway traffic here today.

DONATES DOLLAR

Kansas City, Mo., July 5—(U.P.)—Barber Frank Spina donated a dollar to the treasury today—indirectly. Spina says he'll never spend the crisp autographed one dollar bill. President Truman paid him for a haircut.

Americans Better Fed and Housed Than Any Others During Past Year

Washington, July 5—(U.P.)—America managed to keep its citizens better fed, housed and clothed than any other nation last year despite the fact that it turned out nearly half the world's munitions.

War Production Chairman J. A. Krug reported to President Truman today on what he termed "a year of brilliant achievement on the production front."

In 1944, he said, America's production machine made almost 45 per cent of the combined combat munitions of both the United Nations and the axis.

Total world arms output in 1944 was valued at $101,500,000,000, Krug reported, with the U. S. share put at $43,500,000,000. The United Nations, he added, outproduced the axis three to one.

Overall U. S. production for 1944 reached $199,000,000,000.

Total war production, including construction and other items not directly of a combat nature, amounted to $61,300,000,000. Krug said that while far-reaching shifts in requirements, new manpower problems and "tremendous production engineering problems."

For one thing, he said, there was a smaller working force. In 1944, the armed services averaged 11,380,000 persons or 2,500,000 more than in 1943, while the civilian labor force dropped almost 1,000,000.

"The important and astounding fact," Krug said, "is that in 1944, the year in which the crescendo of war was mounting to a thunderous climax, the American consumer and his family remained by far the best-fed, best-housed and best-clothed civilians in the world.

"While all battlefronts were ablaze . . . the American consumer was furnished with more goods and services than in any year since 1941."

The consumer spent more and got less for his money, however.

Two Big Air Fleets Pound Tokyo Area In Pre-Invasion Softening Up Of Islands

SUPERFORTS IN THIRTIETH DAY OF HEAVY RAIDS

Strong Fighter Screen With Bombers; Main Japanese Home Cities Objectives.

Guam, July 5—(U.P.)—The Japanese radio said two powerful American air fleets totaling some 300 Superforts, Liberators and Fighters attacked the Tokyo area, the port of Nagasaki and other targets on Honshu and Kyushu today.

The pre-invasion softening up of the Japanese homeland roared through its 30th straight day with morning and afternoon assaults paced by Superforts and Liberators with a strong Fighter screen, Tokyo broadcasts reported.

The raiding forces were reported ranging widely over the main Japanese islands in what had become virtually a non-stop offensive by daylight.

Fleet Off Coast

Meanwhile, Tokyo reported that an American battle fleet was menacing the northern coast of Japan after a surprise bombardment Tuesday against Japanese-held Sakhalin island in the sea of Okhotsk.

The strike on Sakhalin carried American naval power almost within sight of Russian Siberia for the fleet's deepest penetration of Japanese waters since the war began.

First word of the fleet attack on Sakhalin and the presence of American battle units off northern Japan came from the Tokyo radio and there was no immediate confirmation from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz headquarters.

Tokyo said American surface units had broken through the Kurile island barrier and steamed more than 500 miles westward across the sea of Okhotsk to attack Sakhalin Tuesday.

Bombard Shore

Five warships of unidentified types steamed into Tarakai bay and opened a heavy bombardment of shore installations at Shikuka. American submarines, which shelled and machine-gunned Kaihyo island south of the bay Monday, surfaced off Shikuka to join the attack, Tokyo said.

Tokyo spokesmen added the usual claim that no damage resulted, but their alarm over the United States spreading naval activity in their northern waters was evident. They said other American warships, in addition to the Shikuka attackers, were loose in the sea of Okhotsk north of Hokkaido, in the same area where a five-ship Japanese convoy was smashed on June 25.

The northern half of 500-mile long Sakhalin is owned by Russia. Shikuka lies 55 miles south of the Russo-Japanese boundary line, 700 miles northeast of Vladivostok, and 950 miles north of Tokyo.

PROWLER TAKES MONEY FROM AL PICHE HOME

Local police were called to the home of Al Piche, 47 North Peach street, at 12:35 last night to investigate a burglary. The prowler was believed to have entered the house through a window and a small amount of money was missing, police said. The Piche family were away at the time.

DESTROYER HOME

Los Angeles July 5 — (U.P.) — The USS Fletcher, only destroyer credited with sinking a heavy Japanese cruiser unaided, was in Los Angeles harbor for routine repairs today after 200,000 miles of Pacific service in the last two and one-half years.

KNIPS LEAVING

Donald Knips, S1/c, will leave Medford tomorrow to return to the naval base at San Diego where he will await transfer to Chicago for navy radar school. Knips has been visiting for the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. White, 26 South Orange street.

Jackson County in Bond Cellar

Jackson county now holds the cellar position in the race of 10 Oregon counties in sales of "E" bonds for the Seventh War Loan drive, according to latest information released by bond headquarters. With a quota of $1,067,000, only 64.7 per cent or $689,828 has been sold through July 2.

Washington county continues to lead the group with sales totaling $1,041,177, 92.8 per cent of their $1,122,000 quota, and Multnomah county is second with $26,260,695, 85.7 per cent of a $30,660,000.

CHURCHILL BRAVES FOES' STRONGHOLD FOR FINAL SPEECH

London, July 5—(U.P.)—An estimated 27,000 voters went to the polls for Britain's first general election in 10 years today. Political observers saw a possibility of a swing to the left that could unseat Prime Minister Churchill's Conservative government.

Churchill himself laid down a blunt ideological challenge to the opposition when he invaded the Laborites' southwest London strongholds last night for his final speech of the campaign. He declared that the course of all Europe hinges on the British election.

"They are looking from the continent to see which way Britain is going to go," he said. "If there should be a landslide to the left, many countries on the continent would slide not into decent Socialism but into the violence of Communism. If we go down, all the ninepins of Europe will fall."

See Bare Majority

Even the most optimistic Conservatives in their pre-election forecasts were expecting to win a bare majority of the 640 seats in commons.

Other analysts saw the likelihood that the Laborite, Liberal, Commonwealth and Communist candidates, plus a sprinkling of anti-Churchill independents, would come up with a majority in the house, making it very nearly impossible for the Churchill government to continue.

The ballots will be counted on July 26, and final results are expected to be known by 4 p. m. of that date.

Atlantic Routes To Three Airlines

Washington July 5 — (U.P.) — The Civil Aeronautics' Board today authorized Pan-American Airways, American Export Airways, and Transcontinental & Western Air, to fly trans-Atlantic routes to Europe.

The board also issued a decision approving the acquisition of American Export Airlines by American Airlines.

TYNWALD OPENED

Douglas, Isle of Man, July 5—(U.P.)—For the first time in 1100 years this island's open air Tynwald (Parliament) was opened by a British king. King George and Queen Elizabeth sat on a throne of red velvet at the top of Tynwald Hill and formally opened the parliament. The king formally gave assent to new laws by signing documents with a quill.

BASEBALL

National

Chicago	3	9	1
Boston	2	7	0

Wyse and Livingston; Tobin and Hofferth.

St. Louis	7	10	0
New York	5	12	2

Dockins, Creed, Brecheen and Odea; Brewer, Adams and Kluttz.

Washington	5	10	0
Chicago	2	9	2

Leonard and Ferrell; Lopat and Tresh.

American

Cincinnati	6	11	0
Brooklyn	4	9	0

Bowman and Riddle; Davis, Pfund (5), Rudolph (8), King (9) and Dantonio, Sandlock (6).

FARM INCREASE FOR JACKSON CO. SHOWN IN CENSUS

Preliminary Count Lists 2,991 Compared with 2,702 In '40; 138 Acres Average

The number of farms in Jackson county as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 census of agriculture was 2,991, as compared with 2,702 in 1940, and 2,901 in 1935. This was announced today by Paul N. Plank, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the second Oregon census district with headquarters at Eugene, Ore.

The total land in farms in Jackson county, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 412,166 acres, as compared with 316,394 acres in 1940, and 303,493 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary 1945 census count for Jackson county was 138 acres, as compared with 117 acres in 1940, and 105 acres in 1935.

May Be Changes

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Jackson county, Supervisor Plank pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of Jackson county farm census returns will be made by the Bureau of the Census and announced from Washington when completed, Mr. Plank said.

County legal and agricultural officers attributed the increase in the number of farms in Jackson county in the past five years to division of acreages and purchase of land by newcomers in the valley for development as farms.

Despite the fact that several farms were taken over by the government in the installation of Camp White, other land has been put into production as farm acreage, it was pointed out.

SPAATZ TO HEAD ATTACK ON JAPAN

Washington, July 5 — (U.P.) — Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who commanded the U. S. air forces in the strategical warfare which destroyed German resources from the air, will direct the strategic air attack on Japan, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson announced today.

Spaatz will command the 20th air force, whose B-29's have been battering Japan's resources for more than a year, and the Eighth air force, which is now being redeployed from Europe to the Pacific.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, who has commanded the 21st Bomber command, will become commander of the 20th air force under Spaatz' overall command.

Lt. Gen. James Doolittle already has been designed to command the Eighth air force in the Pacific. Like Lemay, he will function under Spaatz' overall command.

Third Grass Fire Started By Boys

Firemen were called to a grass fire at the corner of Benson and Prune streets yesterday which, according to police, was started by two boys, aged 9 and 7. This was the third grass fire started by the boys, according to a police report.

ICE STAR KILLED

Harrisburg, Pa., July 5 — (U.P.) —Marine Pvt. Charles (Buddy) White, champion figure ice skater, was killed in action on Okinawa June 28 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White, revealed here today.

BRADLEY TO KEEP RANK

Washington, July 5.—(U.P.)—President Truman today signed legislation providing that Gen. Omar Bradley will retain his military rank and pay when he takes over as administrator of veterans' affairs.

MORGENTHAU AND JUSTICE ROBERTS TO LEAVE OFFICE

Truman Says Treasury Secretary Will Stay Until After Meeting of Big Three

Washington, July 5 — (U.P.) — President Truman today announced the resignation of Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and the retirement of Associate Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts.

The president told a news conference that Morgenthau will remain in the cabinet post until the chief executive returns from the Big Three meeting. He said the meeting will take place sometime within the next three weeks.

Asked whether Morgenthau would be made the American director of the international financial set-up under the Bretton Woods agreement, the president said he could not answer that question now.

An excellent source in the treasury had said earlier that such an assignment was in prospect for Morgenthau.

WAR AGENCY BILL WHITTLED THIN BY FEPC BICKERING

Washington, July 5 — (U.P.) — The House today passed an emasculated war agencies set up by presidential order and not authorized by congress.

Southern democrats refused to allow addition of funds for FEPC on that basis. FEPC supporters raised the same obection to ten other agencies.

The bill went to the senate with only $134,000,000 of its original funds.

House action was taken as near-full gallery of FEPC lobbyists watched. Anticipating a crowd and fearing a possible demonstration, capitol police were stationed inside the chamber at each gallery door.

Submarine Trigger Missing With Crew

Washington, July 5 — (U.P.) — The navy today reported that the submarine U. S. S. Trigger is overdue from patrol operations and must be presumed lost with all its officers and crew.

The loss brings to 45 the number of American submarines sunk or missing during the war.

LOT SALES APPROVED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Besides the postponement until July 17 of the vacation of the alley on Proback Reserve, the following sales of city lots were approved at the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night: Lot 8, Sullivan Terrace to Marie M. Brown, $200; lot 16, block 8, Imperial addition, Frank Childers, $225; lots 4, 5 and 6, Tuttle Third addition, to L. D. Champion, $525.

BOY DROWNS IN EMIGRANT LAKE; FALL KILLS GIRL

Leo Walter Hoffman 9, and Patricia Maplesden, 19, Victims in Catastrophes.

(By United Press)

The nation's July Fourth death toll climbed to 101 at mid-day today. Ohio led all other states with a reported 16 holiday deaths, followed by Pennsylvania with a total of 10 deaths.

Ashland, July 5—Two fatalities marred the Fourth of July celebration here. Patricia Maplesden, 19, died in Ashland Community hospital at 4:13 a. m. yesterday as result of a skull fracture suffered when she was thrown from a horse Tuesday afternoon near the underpass north of the city and Leo Walter Hoffman, 9, drowned when he slipped from a rock and fell into Emigrant Lake.

Mrs. Maplesden, whose husband, Sgt. Lewis Maplesden, is now in Belgium, was reported to be swinging onto her horse when the animal side-stepped, unseating the girl and throwing her to the pavement.

Family In Talent

Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Franklin, Talent; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Callick, Yreka, and Mrs. Beverly Maplesden, Dunsmuir, and a brother, Duane, at home. The family came to Talent about three years ago from Siskiyou County, Calif., and the deceased graduated from Talent high school with the class of 1943.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Saturday at Litwiller Funeral Home and interment will be in Hornbrook-Henley cemetery.

Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiller dragged Emigrant Lake for 40 minutes yesterday before recovering the body of the Hoffman boy who had fallen into the water at 1:30 p. m. Artificial respiration was applied for an hour and 10 minutes before giving the child up for dead. The father, Fred Hoffman, was unable to swim and could not rescue his son, the report stated.

On Holiday Visit

The family had gone to Klamath Junction, about six miles south of here, to visit a daughter who is employed there, according to Litwiller. Not finding her home, they stopped at the lake where the tragedy occurred. They reside on route 2, Ashland.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Pfc. Glynn, Menlo Park, Calif., and four sisters, Jean, Lily, Marjorie and Erma, all at home.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Litwiller Funeral Home and will be announced later.

FLEEING JAPANESE STRAFED BY P-51'S

Chungking, July 5 — (U.P.) — Japanese troops withdrawing from Indo-China in junks and Sampans skirting the Asiatic coastline are under attack by a concentration of U. S. 14th air force planes, Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer announced today.

More than 200 enemy troops fleeing toward Hongkong through the Gulf of Tonkin and Hainan strait were attacked and strafed by P-51s, the communique said.

Fighter missions have been concentrated on the Japanese withdrawal through Hainan strait, Wedemeyer declared.

VETERANS HOME

Boston, July 5.—(U.P.)—The SS William Travis docked here today bearing 208 veterans of the 2207th and 2049th aviation quartermaster truck companies. Last night the SS Bienville arrived with 2,258 veterans of the European war, including the 364th engineer general service regiment.

By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

This spring we hung two new bird houses on the alder limb that hangs over the river. A pair of tree swallows began inspecting both. First one, then the other. They just couldn't make up their minds. They even started a nest in the blue house and then moved over and completed a nest in the red house, where they raised five strapping children.

All the time they were doing this they still claimed the blue house, pouncing upon any other little bird who even so much as looked at it. "They're a bit selfish," we thought. "They can't use two houses."

Now we see there was a plan all the time, whether conscious or instinctive. Those swallows were saving that house for a definite purpose. They have now moved from the red house which the first youngsters still seem to consider "home" and are completing the nest in the blue house, which is clean and new for a second family.

Man could plan no better than this—even with his rather complicated process of "reasoning."