

Defense Director Trying To Set Up County Skywatch

Difficulty Noted For 24-Hour Workers

Col. Charles E. Stafford, Jackson county civilian defense director, said this morning that he is trying to organize the air observations posts in the county under the "Operation Skywatch" program for Oregon and 28 other states.

He said he is having considerable difficulty manning the posts on a 24-hour basis, because of the lack of any pressing emergency. Cooperation is being obtained during the daylight hours he said and he hopes that at least a 14-hour watch could be made effective. Col. Stafford was out in the county today doing further organization work for the operation.

Cite Attack Possibility

United Press reported today from Portland that the operation is intended as an exercise in defense of the country against what Air Force officials have said could be "the most deadly sneak attack in history."

Oregon's part in the 27-state program got under way at 8 o'clock this morning, according to United Press, when spotters officially began manning their posts. The civilian watchers have been instructed to report the presence of suspicious aircraft to a filter center located in Portland. From there the reports will be forwarded to air defense command for recording.

150,000 Participate

More than 150,000 volunteers are participating in the operation with 9,000 observation posts being manned throughout the area along the Canadian border and down the west and east coasts to San Diego, Calif., and North Carolina.

The Air Defense Command said that because of the shortage of trained personnel, the spotters will have to work overtime. Defense officials have announced that at least 500,000 volunteers are needed.

Storms Cause Two Fires in Forests

Two forest fires in the Applegate district were started this week-end by storms, Verus Dahlin, fire control officer, reported.

Lightning struck trees at the head of Horse Creek Sunday night and the fire was sighted morning from Dutchman Peak. Lookouts reported that the fire was plainly visible but small. Fire fighters have been dispatched to put out the blaze which is a short distance from the end of a logging road.

About one-fourth acre of timber was burned in a fire at Wrangle Gap Saturday. Dahlin said that lightning was also the cause of the fire, and that members of the forest service had put it out.

Lookouts have sighted several strikes, but only two fires. Dutchman Peak lookouts said that they expected another storm Monday.

Bridge Report Due To Grand Jury Soon

The state highway bridge engineer's report on the structural condition of the Rogue River bridge has been received and will be considered by the new grand jury convening on July 21, according to District Attorney Paul Haviland.

Haviland reported this morning that, in general, the report "definitely states the bridge is safe and is built according to state specifications."

A large docket of criminal cases will be presented to the old grand jury at its session this Thursday, according to the district attorney, with the April stabbing of Carl Blair, Shady Cove, among them.

BASEBALL

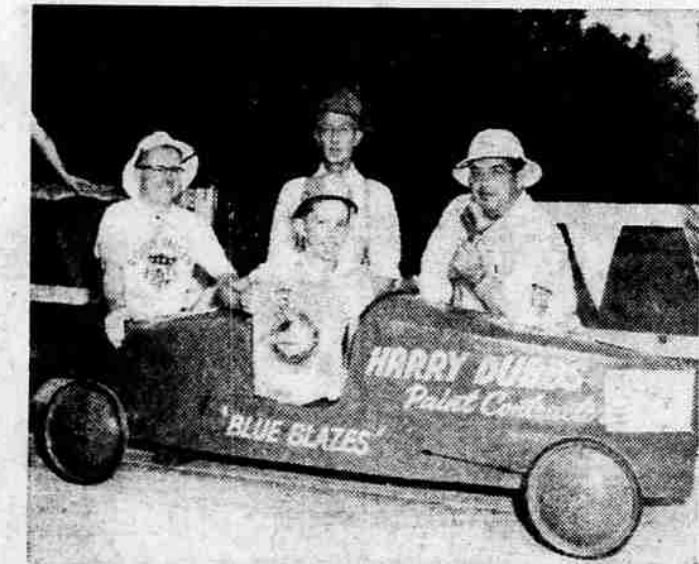
American League
St. Louis 501 010 000—7 12 2
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Madison, Harritt (9) and Moss; Scarborough, Nixon (1) and White, Wilber.
Home runs for St. Louis: Moss (3) none on; for Boston: Gernert (9) 2 on; DiMaggio (9) 1 on.

Weather

FORECAST: Hot and dry through Tuesday. Low to night 65; high Tuesday 100.
Temp. 102
Highest Yesterday 102
Lowest this Morning 64



RACERS CROSS FINISH LINE—Two entries flash across the finish line in the Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby held here Sunday. The car in the center lane was winner in the heat by almost a length. Front wheels of the second racer are just over the finish stripe. The third entry in the race is far behind in the far lane. Victor in the heat won the chance to participate in further eliminations of the derby. Crowds in similar numbers to the one shown at the finish lined the length of the race course. (Brainerd photo)



TRIUMPHS IN DERBY—Richard Reeves, 15-year-old Grants Pass boy, is shown holding the trophy emblematic of the top honors he won in the Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby here Sunday. Young Reeves rode his "Blue Blazes" racer to victory in a field of 82 entries. Shown with the champ on the starting ramp on Queen Anne avenue are, from left to right, Larry Barnes of Barnes Chevrolet company, one of the derby sponsors; Harry Dubbs, Grants Pass, who sponsored Reeves; and Jim Dunlevy, general chairman. (Brainerd photo)

Soap Box Derby Won By Grants Pass Boy As Thousands Watch

Richard Reeves Sunday was probably the happiest boy in the Rogue River valley.

He rode his "Blue Blazes" racer to victory in the Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby on the Queen Anne "speedway" here. Triumph earned the 15-year-old Grants Pass youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Reeves, a trip to the national derby sponsored by the Chevrolet company at Akron, O., on August 10.

Reeves won out over a field of 82 youthful drivers as thousands lined the 900-foot downhill course to see about 45 races that culminated in the finale between the Class A and B champions.

The Grants Pass lad won from a field of 38 in Class A, while 11-year-old Ralph Dillon, Medford, won out over 44 Class B entries. In the deciding run down the hill, Reeves won out over Dillon by a car length in a stirring finish and, after a big hug from his mother, he was transported with derby and city officials and a siren-blasting motorcycle policeman to the starting ramp to receive his trophy.

Dillon was the only Medford youth to gain the semi-finals. Chuck Mansfield, Grants Pass, was runner-up in Class A and Roland Van Datta, also of Grants Pass, runner-up in Class B.

Special Awards

Two Medfordites received special awards, however; Ronnie Meyer received a tool set for the best constructed car and Kenneth Dunlavy a drill set for the best upholstered auto. Calif. Jones, Ashland, will get a week's stay at Boy Scout camp for the poorest constructed racer.

Reeves was sponsored in the Rogue Valley derby by Harry Dubbs, Grants Pass paint contractor. He will be sponsored in the Akron competition by The Medford Mail Tribune.

The derby, first held here in many years, was sponsored by Barnes Chevrolet, General Motors corporation Chevrolet division and The Mail Tribune. It marked the climax of several months of preparation during which the participants constructed their own cars.

Many volunteer groups and individuals assisted at the derby and Jim Dunlevy was general

chairman. Dunlevy, a native of Akron, will accompany Reeves to the national event.

Ashland Mayor Phil Stansbury won an easy victory over representatives from Medford and Grants Pass in the pre-race "Oil Can derby." Stansbury, aboard a roller-skated rocking chair won by probably 60 or 70 lengths over Medford Mayor Diamond Flynn and a Grants Pass citizen who stood in for Mayor Morris Milbank.

Mayor Flynn, sporting a bright red shirt and an outhouse on rollerskates, pulled his entry across the line just ahead of the third-placer from Grants Pass. The Grants Pass entry was aboard a wooden contraption that vaguely resembled a horse.

Salem — (U.P.) — Whichever way the Salem Soap Box Derby went, the Adams family was sure to win.

In the first Soap Box Derby run-off in Salem, the Adams brothers, Douglas and Danny, won the race in each of their divisions.

Douglas, 13, won the Class A division for boys 13-15 years of age and Danny, 12, won the Class B for boys 11-12 years of age.

In the runoff Douglas finished a few scant feet ahead of Danny and thus qualified to go to Akron, Ohio, for the National Soap Box Derby to compete for a \$5,000 scholarship.

LOGGING ACCIDENT

Robert Wesley Jacks, 26, route 1, box 144, Gold Hill, was injured in a logging accident north of Rogue river this morning, according to Conger-Morris ambulance attendants who transported him to Community hospital here from a doctor's office at Rogue River. He was struck by a log which went out of control as it was being pulled downhill by a tread tractor, ambulance men said. Jacks was knocked downhill. He was said to be an employee of the Charles Hilkey logging crew.

Astoria — (U.P.) — E. L. Mike-sell, Grants Pass, Saturday was the new Oregon Department commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

150 Union Men, Families, Recover From Food Poison

Portland — (U.P.) — Some 150 members of the Portland Boilermakers union and their families Monday were beginning to take, somewhat gingerly, of food as the after effects of a mass food poisoning outbreak here Saturday wore off.

The poisoning, characterized by physicians as staphylococcus infection, taxed the hospital and ambulance facilities of the Portland area Saturday afternoon as scores of picnicers were stricken almost simultaneously in Viking park on the city's west side.

They had been eating refreshments furnished by a caterer and consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, ham, potato chips and corn chips. A laboratory report pinning down the source of the poison was expected sometime Monday.

All Ambulances Called

Every available ambulance in Portland and some from Vancouver and other points were called to the scene on the banks of the Sandy river. Streets leading to the park were cleared by police to make way for the streams of emergency vehicles.

Doctors and nurses were summoned from their homes to six eastside hospitals as patients seized with violent cramps and nausea were carried in until every bed was filled and others had to be stretched out on the floors.

Emetics and stomach pumps were used to relieve the more serious cases and most of the victims had been released from the hospitals by late yesterday. There were no deaths and few of the cases were critical.

Calais, France — (U.P.) — A 14-year-old boy was injured seriously on a beach near here Sunday night when a German rocket hidden beneath the sand since World War II exploded accidentally.

Koje Island, Korea — (U.P.) — Two North Korean Communists were wounded Sunday in separate shootings in a prisoner of war compound, the 8th Army announced today.

Democrats Seek Sixth Win; Convention Time Nearing As 17 Candidates Slug It Out in Wide-Open Field

Chicago — (U.P.) — Democrats shooting for their sixth consecutive presidential election victory began moving Monday into the National Convention battlegrounds where the Republican Party just named its 1952 Eisenhower-Nixon ticket.

They convene here one week from Monday to nominate their presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

Field Wide Open

The field is wide open for the first time since 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt won a bitterly contested nomination and launched his party on a course of conduct which vastly altered the world picture at home and abroad.

His political heirs and his opponents are coming here 20 years later to slug it out for control of the Democratic Party.

There are 17 more or less avowed presidential candi-

3 Ashland Children Die in Fire

Steelworkers Seeking Further Concessions As Strike End Price

Washington — (U.P.) — Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman announced Monday negotiations between the striking CIO Steelworkers union and the steel companies will resume at Pittsburgh at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The CIO United Steelworkers drove

for further concession from the steel companies Monday as the price for ending the longest and costliest strike in the industry's history.

The steel companies issued a joint announcement Sunday that they had made "suggestions for settling the important issues still in dispute" and that the union was considering them.

"We are still in disagreement with the industry," a union spokesman said at noon today. It was reported the union was seeking clarification of the language and tightening of the industry's union security proposal.

May Call Meeting

CIO President Philip Murray was considering calling a meeting of the union's 170-man wage policy committee, probably late this week.

However, Murray hoped to have a better proposition to lay before the committee before issuing the call. The companies' version of the union security clause was reported based on the "cooperation" shop previously worked between the union and Bethlehem Steel.

Under the Bethlehem proposal, new employees would have to join the union, but would be permitted to resign within 30 days.

The industry's new "suggestion" was reported to provide that new employees would have 30 days to signify whether they wished to join the union, but their decision would have no effect on their employment.

Gov. Dewey's Camp Providing Workers For Eisenhower

Chicago — (U.P.) — Dwight D. Eisenhower dipped into the political organization of New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Monday to recruit some top advisers for his presidential campaign.

The decision is not likely to set well with many followers of

McKAY INVITES IKE

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Douglas McKay telegraphed an invitation to Dwight D. Eisenhower Monday to spend a vacation in Oregon before taking on the terrific task of campaign for president as the nominee of the Republican party in the November election.

Sen. Robert A. Taft and it could be a factor in how hard some lieutenants of the defeated GOP candidate work for Eisenhower's election.

It was one of Eisenhower's last official acts before his departure for Denver late today. In Colorado Eisenhower plans to rest for the "crusade" he and Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California, his youthful running mate, will make in their effort to restore Republican control in Washington.

Press Secretary

James C. Hagerty, Dewey's public relations man for several years, was named Eisenhower's press secretary, Thomas E. Stephens, secretary of the New York Republican committee, was picked as his appointments secretary.

It was understood that all members of Dewey's political team will play important roles in the campaign. Dewey and his men have been credited with a big part in engineering Eisenhower's first ballot victory over Taft in last week's showdown fight at the Republican National convention.

The Ohio senator, who left town Sunday for a vacation retreat at Murray Bay, Quebec, Canada, has promised to do all he can to help elect Eisenhower. But he has no plans to take an active part in the campaign unless invited to do so by the general.

Don't Want Dewey

His lieutenants made it clear on several occasions during the convention last week that they wanted no part of Dewey.

Arthur H. Vandenberg, son of the late Michigan senator, was named by Eisenhower to be his executive assistant and Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas and Fred A. Seaton of Nebraska, were picked as advisers.

Robert Matthews was named Eisenhower's business manager while Lou S. Kelly was named transportation representative. Abbott Washburn was chosen as an assistant to Vandenberg.

NEED BURNING PERMITS

Jacksonville — Permits must be obtained before Jacksonville residents may have trash fires and burning will be permitted only between 5 and 9 p. m. Fire Chief J. M. Minnis said today. Permits may be obtained by telephoning his residence.

100-Degree Readings

Return to Rogue Area

One hundred - degree temperatures in Medford have returned. The high Sunday was 102, according to the Medford office of the weather bureau, and an even 100 degrees is expected Tuesday.

With a forecast of "hot and dry" through Tuesday and a continued low humidity, the weather bureau said that fire danger remains great.

Fighter-Bombers Rake Battlefield; UN Troops Take Hill

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Fighter-bombers of the 5th Air Force raked the 155-mile Korean battlefield Monday in one of the closest heavy support attacks of the year.

F-86 Sabers probably destroyed one Communist MIG-15 jet and damaged another in two brief air battles in "MIG Alley."

Capture Hill

On the ground, U. N. infantrymen captured a Communist-held hill on the Eastern Front after three days of heavy fighting.

North Korean soldiers counter-attacked, but were driven off an hour and a half later.

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists called a two-day recess in Korean truce negotiations Monday, possibly to study a new United Nations proposal to break the deadlock over exchanging war prisoners.

The Reds gave no explanation in asking for the recess. Neither would the U. N. disclose what occurred during the 10 daily secret sessions which preceded the request.

New Proposal Seen

It was likely the U. N. had submitted a new proposal or statement Sunday which the Communists wished to study or refer to a higher authority for decision.

The United Nations Command officially denied Communist charges that Allied war planes bombed a prisoner of war camp near Pyongyang in last Friday's record raid on the North Korean capital. The Reds claimed 13 Allied prisoners were killed and 72 wounded.

Pedestrian Safety Award Due to Ashland

The city of Ashland has been awarded a special citation from the Automotive Safety foundation for its cooperation in the protection and convenience of pedestrians, it was announced today.

The award is part of the National Pedestrian protection contest, sponsored by the American Automobile association. Ashland won the emblem for its fine accident record among cities under 10,000 population.

Mayor Diamond Flynn, Medford, will present the emblem to Mayor Phil Stansbury of Ashland, during the chamber of commerce luncheon Tuesday, July 22, in the Ashland Elks lounge.

BULLETINS

Aboard United States — (U.P.) The American super-liner United States captured her second Atlantic blue ribbon within a week Monday with the fastest east to west crossing in history.

Fairbanks, Alaska — (U.P.) — Fire leveled the Pioneer hotel here early Monday and officials believed at least four persons perished. Some third-floor roomers said they believed as many as 50 were trapped.

Keel of Mightiest Aircraft Carrier Laid

Newport News, Va. — (U.P.) — The United States laid the keel of the world's mightiest aircraft carrier Monday with a warning to Russia that American air power soon will be able to strike back at aggressors anywhere.

Deputy Defense Secretary William C. Foster said the USS Forrestal will "carry the naval air power of the United States to any part of the world to promote security and peace for ourselves and our families."

High Navy and military brass, congressmen and civilian dignitaries watched as the keel plate was lifted onto the center of a 1,000-foot submerged shipway, marking the start of construction.

Total cost of the ship, the world's largest vessel of any type, will be more than \$220,000,000.

Eva Peron Said Holding Own in Illness Battle

Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — Gravelly ill Mrs. Eva Peron, wife of President Juan D. Peron and a political power in her own right was reported holding her own Monday in a battle against death.

Mrs. Peron never recovered completely from an unspecified major operation last November. Unofficial reports said she was near death from general illness, malnutrition and physical waste resulting from a chronic constitutional affliction.

Salem — (U.P.) — Albert H. Gille, Salem city councilman and head of the tax roll division of the State Forestry Department, died Sunday night in a Salem hospital. He was 65 years old.