

Portland Float Gets National Trophy at Tournament of Rose

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Portland, Ore., float, "Beauty is Where You Find It," Saturday was named the winner of the National trophy in the 66th annual Tournament of Roses parade here.

The National trophy is given each year to the most beautiful entry from outside California.

Long Beach, Calif., its float a mass of 200,000 fresh blossoms topped by the beautiful Miss Universe of 1954, won the sweepstakes prize.

1,250,000 in Crowd

A crowd of more than 1,250,000 persons lined Pasadena's Colorado street to watch the colorful spectacle. Usual brilliance and sparkle of the event was dimmed, however, by the threatening skies and cool temperatures.

Additional millions watched the parade on television in a coast-to-coast telecast.

With Chief Justice Earl Warren serving as grand marshal of the parade — whose theme this year was "Familiar Sayings in Flowers" — the Long Beach entry snared the top award with its depiction of John Keat's famous line "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever."

Miss Universe on Float

And Long Beach's "beauty" was Miriam Stevenson, lovely 21-year-old Winnsboro, S. C., coed, who won last summer's Miss Universe pageant in the beach city. The float was covered with more than 200,000 fresh blossoms including roses, orchids, lilies of the valley, maiden hair fern and many rare flowers.

Miss Stevenson, a pretty blue-eyed blonde, who turned down a movie career to return to college in Greenwood, S. C., was the only rider on the Long Beach float. Her dazzling smile and friendly waves to the crowds brought repeated cheers.

Standard Oil Co. of California won the Grand Prize with its float, "In Days of Old." The float unfolded a story of chivalry in three sections. The first showed a huge, jolly, polka-dot dragon riding amidst a garden of tropical flowers. Across the bridge in the middle section, a life-size knight was mounted on a horse in a garden of pink and red roses. In the third section the knight stood ready to protect a young maiden atop a chrysanthemum castle.

Major Winners

Other major float winners:

Theme: Burbank, California, "Birds of a Feather Flock Together."

Judge's Special Trophy: Helms' Bakeries of Los Angeles, "There's a Good Time Coming." Combined with Walt Disney

Productions, a preview of Disneyland park in Anaheim, Cal. President's Trophy: Florists Telegraph and Delivery Assn., "Deep in My Heart."

International Trophy: Mexico, "Wonderful Mexico Has Everything."

Governor's Trophy: Post Cereals "Go West Young Man."

Mayor's Trophy: Pasadena Water and Light Dept., "Eureka."

Queen's Float First

In all, 61 floats, 34 equestrian units and a score of bands participated in the parade. First

of the floats was one which carried 19-year-old Marilyn Smuin, queen of the 1955 Tournament of Roses, and her six princesses. Marilyn was seated in front of a huge, lacy heart made of more than 10,000 red roses.

Western stars Roy Rogers and Dale Evans made their second float riding appearance in the parade. They were on floral replicas of their horses — "Trigger" and "Buttermilk."

Other actors in the parade included Duncan Renaldo, the "Cisco Kid" of TV fame; Guy Madison, TV's "Wild Bill Hickock" and Andy Devine.

Troubles Beset Rose Parade As Rain, Illness Reported

Pasadena, Calif. — (U.P.) — The 66th annual Tournament of Roses parade had more than its share of troubles Saturday.

First, shortly after the colorful floral pageant got under way it started to drizzle. Then it showered. Finally, a steady rain fell. It started to let up only when the parade neared its end.

It was the first time since 1934 that the parade had encountered rainy weather. Millions of viewers throughout the

country watched the event, dampened by this area's first rainfall since last Dec. 10.

Call for Ambulance

Midway through the parade one of the six rose princesses signaled to an emergency ambulance. Pretty Joanne Martin, 18, San Marino, Calif., was too ill to continue on the queen's float. She had a slight case of flu Friday and the drizzle and chilly weather was too much for her.

Most of the girls riding floats wore bathing suits. They grinned and tried to bear it.

Before the parade started, two floats were damaged when a car smashed into them. They were repaired, however, and participated in the parade.

Despite the weather, the crowd of more than 1,500,000 persons exceeded the predictions for the event.

Youth Killed in Try To Halt Fight

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Armando F. Castro, 19, former high school star athlete who was studying to be a probation officer, was stabbed to death Saturday when he and his half brother tried to break up a brawl among 10 teenagers.

The half brother, Mario Mancillas, 23, was in critical condition with stab wounds in his stomach and lungs. Doctors said he might not live.

Castro, who won the city's high school mile run championship in 1953, his girl friend—Iris Arratia, 18—and Mancillas had gone to East Los Angeles to call for Castro's sister, police said.

Castro saw the brawl going on near the address where he was to pick up his sister. He was knifed by an unidentified youth when he tried to halt the fight, and Mancillas was slashed and stabbed when he came to Castro's aid.

The victim was a student at East Los Angeles Junior College.

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Army To Release Some 44,000 Draftees

Washington — (U.P.) — The Army has announced that it will release some 44,000 draftees next May and June before they complete their two-year term of service.

The action is being taken in order to meet lower manpower ceilings.

Current plans, which are pending final approval, call for the early release in May of draftees completing 23 months of service and of draftees in June completing 22 months of service.

The Army said it plans to resume the normal 24 months of service for draftees after June.

A similar early release program is planned during March through June for about 3400 reserve lieutenants serving their initial obligated 24-month tour of active duty.

Low Forest Fire Loss During 1954 Reported by State

Forest fires on state-protected lands in Jackson and Josephine counties caused damaged estimated at \$2,780 during 1954, according to figures prepared by Ted Maul, state warden for the southwest district.

The figure was well below that reported for the district in recent years, Maul stated.

Included in the loss estimate for the two counties was 140,000 board feet of merchantable timber, valued at \$805; \$968 loss to reproduction value; \$7 loss to logs, and a \$1,000 property loss in Josephine county where a building burned as the result of a forest fire.

Equally Divided

The dollars and cents loss was almost equally distributed between the two counties. Jackson county's loss was estimated at \$1,401, and the loss in Josephine county was estimated at \$1,379.

The heaviest loss in the two counties was caused by fires started by careless smokers, who started 53 blazes. These smoker-caused fires destroyed 44,000 board feet of merchantable timber valued at \$465; caused a \$386 loss to reproduction value, and resulted in destruction of the building in Josephine county for a total estimated loss of \$1,851.

Behind Smokers

In second place, but for behind smoker-caused fires, were blazes caused by logging operations, with a total loss of \$420. These top two were followed by incendiary, \$271; miscellaneous, \$142; slashing, \$57; debris burning, \$33; railroad, \$6, and miscellaneous, \$142.

The total number of fires on state-owned land in Jackson and Josephine counties was 157, for a total of 775 acres. This acreage total included merchantable timber, 52 acres; cutover, 46 acres; old burn, 522 acres; unburned slashing, 30 acres, and non-forest land, 115 acres.

Although the estimated damage caused by fires was slightly higher in Jackson county than in Josephine county, Jackson county had a far better record in total number of fires and acreage burned over.

72 Fires Here

Jackson county had only 72 fires on state land in 1954, compared to 85 in Josephine county; and Jackson county had a total of only 177 acres burned over, compared to 598 in Josephine county.

The difference in estimated loss is explained by the fact that Jackson county fires destroyed 90,000 board feet of merchantable timber valued at \$750, compared with 50,000 board feet valued at \$100 in Josephine county; and caused loss to reproduction valued at \$696 in Jackson county, compared to \$272 in Josephine county.

Had it not been for destruction of the building in Josephine county, Josephine county's loss would have been only \$379 compared with Jackson county's \$1,401.

Causes Listed

A breakdown on the figures for Jackson county shows the cause and number of fires as: lightning, 9; incendiary, 1; campers, 0; smokers, 23; debris burning, 11; slashing, 5; logging, 6; railroad, 2, and miscellaneous, 15.

Acreage burned over on state land in Jackson county during 1954 included merchantable timber, 58 acres; cutovers, 10 acres; old burn, 39 acres; unburned slashing, 30 acres, and non-forest land, 40 acres.

No losses of logging equipment were attributable to forest fires on state-owned land during 1954 in Jackson and Josephine counties.

Police Dog Turns Into Stool Pigeon

Stillwater, Minn. — (U.P.) — A dog peered intently into a parking lot Friday and policemen, following the dog's gaze, discovered three teenagers syphoning gas from a truck.

"I guess we shouldn't have brought the dog," one of the teenagers said later.

"Don't blame him," a policeman retorted. "After all, he's a police dog."

Pope Attends Mass To Open New Year

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII opened the New Year Saturday by attending mass in his private chapel and saying special prayers for world peace in 1955.

The 78-year-old Pope, continuing to show marked signs of improvement after his serious illness, rose at daybreak to attend the mass. The celebrant was German Jesuit father Robert Leiber.

Leaving the chapel, the Pope went to his private study to listen to a newscast on his new combination TV and radio set, which he received Friday from the Xaverian Catholic students of America.

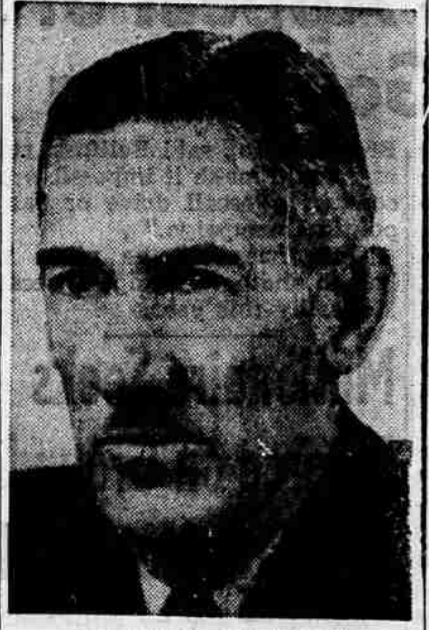
For the first time in 16 years, the Pope was unable to receive members of the Roman nobility on New Year's Day. Vatican physicians felt the strain would be bad for him.

The weather was perfect and the Pope planned to take a walk in the Vatican gardens.

Glenn Jackson Named U.S. Bank Director

Portland — Glenn L. Jackson, Medford, vice-president and director of the California-Oregon Power company, was elected a director of the United States National bank at a meeting of the board Dec. 31. Announcement of the election was made by E. C. Sammons, president of the state-wide banking organization.

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with Copco for more than 25 years and has played an important part in developing this company and in expanding its service area.

Active in civic affairs, he is a past president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Oregon Development commission and of the Oregon State college foundation. He is also a director of Standard Insurance company, Albany Democrat-Herald Publishing company and Central Willamette Broadcasting company in Albany.

In addition he is president and director of the Gold Holding company in Medford and is managing partner of White City Realty company at Camp White.

War Veteran

Jackson was born in Albany and is a member of a pioneer Oregon family. He was graduated from Oregon State College in 1925. During World War II, he held the rank of colonel in the U. S. Army Air corps. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Order of Crown of Italy and Order of the Brit-

Mining Exchange Has Top Year During '54

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The phenomenal sale of uranium stock made the year 1954 the busiest one in 21 years on the San Francisco Mining Exchange it was reported Friday.

The amount of shares sold on the San Francisco exchange increased nearly four-fold over 1953 and the dollar volume jumped almost 10-fold, Frank Carter, exchange secretary, reported.

Carter said 20,574,975 shares were traded in 1954 as compared with 5,195,663 shares in 1953.

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Some 104,000 Seek Asylum in West in '54

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