

Forest fire-fighters are rushed to a new outbreak in a blazing area of forest land, a car rolls down a bank on a lonely forest road. All these activities are preceded by the vital radio network of the U.S. Forestry Service. Read about it on page 14 of today's Mail Tribune.

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Hot Spring Sun Aids Pear Parade

Balmy, mid-summer weather in the Rogue River valley was mainly responsible for the large crowd that gathered to watch the fifth annual Pear Blossom festival parade in Medford yesterday.

Ex-Ashland Man Gets New Post

The appointment of Leith Abbott, former Ashland resident, as assistant to the passenger traffic and public relations manager for Southern Pacific, Portland, was announced Saturday.



PARADE POOPER — This young man, dressed in fancy cowboy duds, found the green lawn at Hawthorne park inviting after the parade yesterday. Using a bass horn for a headrest he grabbed a little snooze in the warm sun while waiting for the ceremonies to begin. He is Jamie McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. McCann, 123 Black Oak drive, Medford.

Over 200 Folks Present At Party For 50 Plus Club

Attendance Higher Than Anticipated

Over 200 persons, twice the number expected, attended the first "50 Plus" party of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging Friday afternoon at the Red Cross auditorium.

The most optimistic planners on Dr. Frank Roberts' recreation committee had not expected the large number, those in charge reported.

Twenty-two members of the council, which sponsored the party, helped with the welcoming of the guests.

Short talks were given by Council Chairman, Frank Glonning, Dr. Roberts, and Mrs. Edith Rankin.

Suggestions were made for club programs, including cards, singing, dancing, dramatics, visiting and community service projects.

Members of Golden Age clubs in other areas, Mrs. Pearl Morava, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Lizzie Williams of Decatur, Ill., described their clubs' activities.

Meetings are to be held in the Red Cross auditorium from 2-5 p.m. each Friday.

Guests attending the party included 146 from Medford, 21 from Ashland and the rest from 2 to 5 p.m. each Friday: Central Point, Phoenix, Eagle Point, Jacksonville and Applegate.

Council members who served as hosts included: Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Jack Lynch, John Lunday, Miss Ruth Kilbourn, John Gribble, Roscoe Roberts, Mrs. Max Wimmer, Mrs. Amanda Farris, Mrs. Elizabeth Sheffield, Mrs. Rita Holmes, Mrs. Joyce Fuller, Mrs. J. R. Sailer, Edwin Eggers, Glenn Kline, Miss Agnes White, James Pullman, C. L. Williams, Mrs. S. D. Earhart and Hans Jepson.

Dr. Roberts asked the same committees to function for the second meeting of the new club next Friday.

Glonning announced that the regular council meeting will be Thursday, April 17 at 3 p.m. at the Red Cross auditorium. All committees will be asked to report on their progress.

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Atomic Fission To Aid Mankind

Washington — The Atomic Energy commission has found a way to put the "black beasts" of atomic fission, deadly radioactive wastes, to work for mankind.

This breakthrough conceivably could be atomic energy's biggest bonanza.

It is too early to tell what it will mean in dollar value, but some believe the boon will soar to millions of dollars annually in years to come.

Sputnik To Fall To Blazing Death, Scientists State

Cambridge, Mass. — Sputnik II will fall to a blazing death in the earth's atmosphere "sometime tomorrow," scientists said Saturday.

It will have traveled a distance comparable to a trip to Mars and back.

The Smithsonian Astrophysical observatory said it could not pinpoint the dog-carrying satellite's demise any closer than today.

Sputnik II went into orbit from somewhere in Russia last Nov. 3. Smithsonian officials said it had traveled some 69 million miles in its globe-circling swings around the earth. The planet Mars is approximately 35 million miles from the earth at its nearest point.

Scientists at Jodrell observatory in England said they spotted the dying satellite making an "irregular, spiraling" orbit over the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic today.

Prof. A. C. B. Lovell, Jodrell director, said he expected it would "enter the atmosphere and burn up" early tomorrow.

Russia announced several weeks ago that its second artificial earth moon would bow out before the middle of April.

Smithsonian officials said the satellite most likely would be "torn apart and melt" as it plummets through the atmosphere. However, some of it could survive and crash to earth, they said.

Ideal Cement Co. Gets Storage Site

Vancouver — The Ideal Cement company, which operates a plant at Gold Hill, has acquired a tract of land on the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., for construction of a cement storage and distribution terminal.

The deep-water site will enable Ideal to serve several of the fastest growing areas of the Pacific Northwest by ship, barge, rail and truck, officials stated.

Engineering studies are now under way to determine the feasibility of building a terminal on the site.

Auburn — Six men are reported snowed in but safe at a mining cabin on American Hill ridge east of here.

Charles Porter Says Rogue Study Late For Action

Engineer's Opinions Will Aid Congress

Congressman Charles Porter discussed his first term in the House of Representatives Friday night at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Jackson County Democratic Social Club.

He dealt briefly with Rogue river legislation, the present business slump and the much-publicized disagreements of Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger.

He criticized the present administration, United States foreign policy and nuclear bomb tests.

The representative, who will oppose Roseburg Attorney Paul Geddes in the general election this fall, is the first Democratic representative to be elected from this district.

The Rogue Basin study now under way by the Army engineers will be presented sometime in June or July and will be too late for action this year, Porter said.

Porter spoke of his bill "to preserve the natural beauty of Oregon's Rogue valley" which he introduced in the House April 3. It would authorize the exchange of land or timber within the Siskiyou National forest for private land adjacent to the forest to protect the banks of the lower Rogue.

Turning to the Republican administration, Porter said the "present crisis is so bad I would rather see Nixon than Eisenhower as president," even though Nixon "did a dis-service to the whole electoral process" by his disloyalty charges against a campaign opponent.

He declared that with Nixon as president, "at least we would get some constructive leadership at a time when we need it most."

"We have a serious economic situation because of what it could easily become," he said, charging that the president has not presented any leadership in anti-depression measures.

Nixon, however, was said to have promoted many projects and done many good things, even though Porter expressed doubts as to his sincerity.

Speaking of the political differences of Senators Morse and Neuberger, the representative said he would not want one to be a "rubber stamp" for the other. He added he preferred "boisterous democracy, not calm, orderly despotism."

On foreign policy, Porter said the United States faces two main problems. One is the failure of this country to stand up for democracy when another nation takes a step in that direction, and the other is the danger of war by accident from the large number of nuclear bombs throughout the world.

Voters Against Tax Cut

"You'll Note The Familiar Cave Painting Motif"



Question Remains On Cheryl's Custody

Hollywood — Beautiful Lana Turner, "too happy to cry," visited her teenage daughter, Cheryl, Saturday 24 hours after a coroner's jury ruled the killing of her other's gangland lover was "justifiable homicide."

The blonde film star, whose staggering appearance during testimony at yesterday's inquest went a long way in influencing the coroner's jury verdict, paid a surprise visit to Cheryl in the juvenile home this morning.

"Cheryl is looking fine and they are treating her wonderfully," said Miss Turner whose plans to visit the tall, quiet 14-year-old girl today were indefinite.

Miss Turner's daughter admitted to police that she stabbed and killed Johnny Stompanato, a small-time hoodlum who had a way with women, Good Friday night to "protect mother." The coroner's jury Friday almost immediately ruled the killing was "justifiable homicide," but Cheryl will remain in juvenile custody pending a hearing April 24 in Santa Monica.

Cheryl will remain in juvenile hall until the private April 24 hearing in superior judge Allen T. Lynch's juvenile court.

Cheryl's future rests in Judge Lynch's hands. Lynch has two broad choices:

"He can rule Cheryl 'unfit for handling' by a juvenile court and turn her over to authorities for prosecution. The Los Angeles district attorney has indicated he would not press any charges.

He can declare her a ward of the court and make the choice concerning her custody. It could be Lana, but there was a widespread belief the child might be placed in some foster home for girls.

Sports Bulletin

St. Louis — Boston's reign as national basketball association champion ended Saturday night as the St. Louis Hawks, with Bob Pettit blistering the nets for 50 points, pinned a 110-109 defeat on the Celtics.

Quick Anti-Slump Tax Cut Opposed By Constituents

Supports President On 'Wait And See'

Washington — Congress returns Monday from a 10-day Easter recess which convinced many members that the home folks are opposed to a quick anti-recession tax cut.

Senators and House members responding to a nationwide United Press survey reported grass roots sentiment is running surprisingly strong against an income tax reduction at this time. The 50 congressmen questioned stood about 8 to 5 against hasty tax cutting.

They found during visits to home states that the recession was the top issue in the minds of most voters. But the majority appeared to favor a cautious approach to pump-priming legislation.

In general, the survey lent more support to President Eisenhower's wait-and-see attitude than to the demands from some Democrats for immediate tax cuts to put more money in the hands of consumers.

When the senate reconvenes Monday, it will resume consideration of a bill to make a billion dollars available for loans to communities for public works projects. The Democratic leadership wanted to pass this measure before the recess, but Republicans forced a postponement.

The next anti-recession item on the House program probably will deal with unemployment compensation. This is a topic which figured prominently in reports by lawmakers in the United Press survey.

Congressmen found in their hometown political soundings that strictly local issues took precedence in some areas over such nationwide problems as unemployment, sagging farm income, inflation, space exploration and foreign policy.

Relatively few listed taxes as a major issue with their constituents, although most reported considerable discussion of various proposed tax cuts.

Wandals Damage Second Cemetery

Central Point — Vandals pushed over seven large tombstones and damaged grave markers in the Odd Fellows cemetery near Central Point sometime between Wednesday night and Saturday morning.

It was the second such report of grave-yard vandalism in the county in a month. Three 16-year-old Central Point youths were arrested for damaging the Jacksonville Pioneer cemetery early in March and later did much of the repair work on the graves.

Central Point police, who are making an intensive investigation of the crime, said the Odd Fellows cemetery damage was discovered Saturday morning when lodge members and Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce members arrived there to clean the cemetery.

The vandals apparently drove a car over the tombstones and approximately 24 grave markers, many of which were damaged beyond recognition and scattered from the graves they marked.

Cement guards around some of the graves also were broken.

Some of the repair work was completed yesterday by the volunteer lodge members and Jaycees, police said.



PRIZE WINNER—This foot-powered replica of an old-fashioned automobile was awarded sweepstakes winner for the best comic design in the Pear Blossom festival parade yesterday. The car was called a



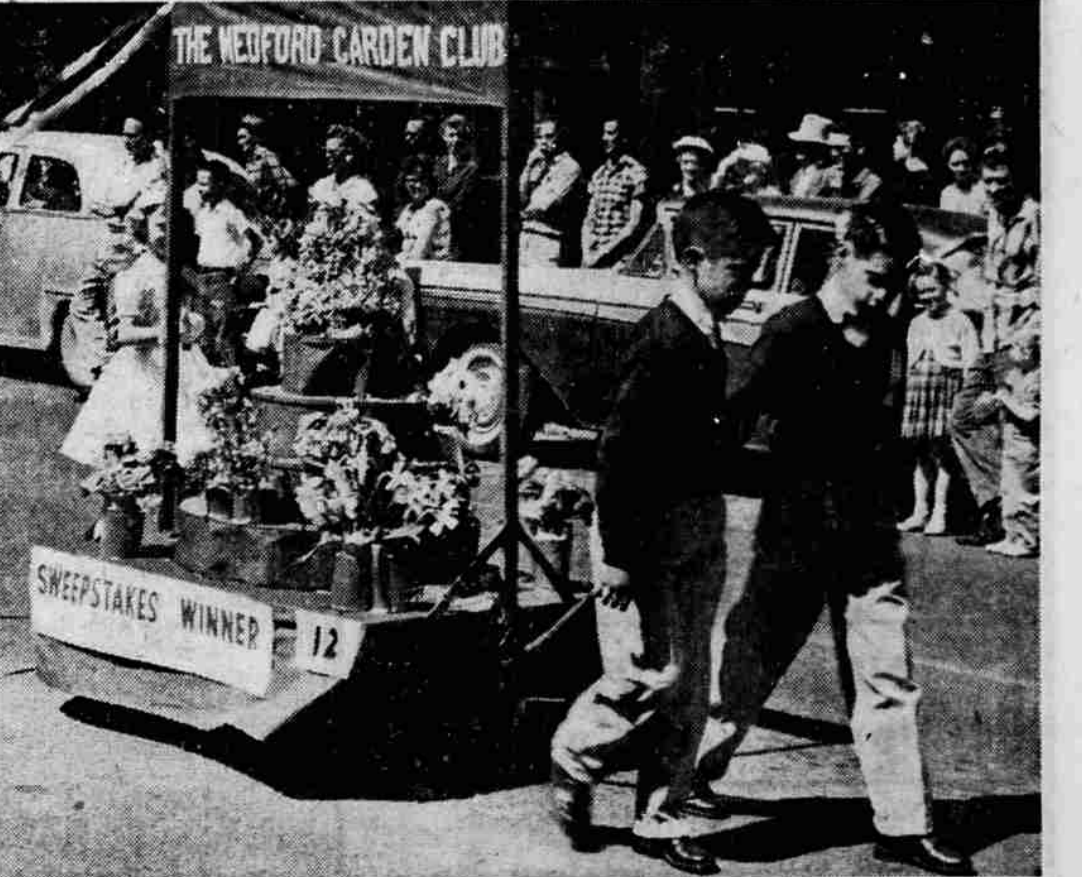
"Pears Arrow" and its riders were Victor Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haas, and Krista Hord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hord, Medford.



KING AND QUEEN — Pear Blossom king Bobby McLean, right, and queen Ladonna Lull, along with their court rode in a special float in the parade yesterday and waved happily at the thousands of people that



lined Medford streets. The royal court consists of Ricky Shafer, Craig Flurry, Scott Sundby, Michael Watkins, Sherry Giles, Kathy Nuich, Dawn Seiby and Nancy Tomjack.



GARDEN CLUB ENTRY — Named sweepstakes winner for having the best theme of any float in the parade yesterday was this entry by the Medford Garden club. Sweepstakes winner for the best design was a

float entered by the Medford Lady Lions, featuring two little girls sitting behind frames of a large pair of glasses. All three sweepstakes winners were awarded a \$50 cash prize.