

Centennial Park Planned at Camp White



SCENIC WOODLAND LAKE—This like on the Gordon Kershaw property in the Camp White area with its surrounding trees is how the chain of lakes will look when fully developed as part of a park and recreation area. The C.C. Hoover family is planning a combination park

and cattle grazing area for property at the Camp White district. The new chain of lakes will connect with those already existing on the Hoover property. The park has been named Centennial park as recommended by Medford Mayor John Snider.

10,000 Trees Are Included in Plans For Major Project

By JOE COWLEY
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A centennial park of 40 acres including lakes and at least six different species of trees, is being planned in the Camp White area.

The park, to be called "Centennial Park" as suggested by Medford Mayor John Snider, is part of a mass tree-planting project by C. C. Hoover and his sons, Claude and Bud.

The entire project will include 10,000 trees on 2,000 acres or 100 trees for each year of Oregon's statehood, Charlie Hoover said.

Varieties Planned
Varieties planned now are black locust, cedar, ponderosa pine, Scotch pine, Carolina and silver poplar. Other varieties may be added after The Rev. Thomas McCamant, Medford Congregational church, and other bird-watchers submit their suggestions for the trees best suited for nesting.

Hoover emphasizes that he will use the area for both cattle grazing and park purposes. He plans to run a large herd of registered Hereford cattle on pasture particularly adapted to the desert-type land with the trees to be used for providing shade for both cattle and picnickers.

By using the land for both recreational and farming purposes, Hoover said that the park area can be maintained more cheaply than if a public agency should run as large an area for recreation only.

Plant Evergreens
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FIR GROWS AT CAMP WHITE—Jack Mace, service forester, state board of forestry, examines a Douglas fir growing at Gordon Kershaw's nursery in the Camp White area. Mace was surprised since Douglas fir usually requires more drainage and nourish-

ment than that provided by the comparatively thin soil of that area. Mace made the examination of the fir while considering tree species which may be suitable for the Centennial park planned for the Camp White area.

Housewife's Suit Says Bathing Suit Was Transparent

Muskegon, Mich. —(UPI)— An attractive 25-year-old mother of four who said her new bathing suit was fine until it got wet has filed a \$2,500 damage suit against a Muskegon store.

Blonde Mrs. Donna Dibble charged that the swim suit became transparent the first time she went swimming at crowded Muskegon State park beach July 29, 1957.

"I was humiliated, embarrassed and publicly disgraced," the trim housewife contended.

She charged "you could see through the wet bathing suit," but said she did not realize it until she left the water and other bathers began "calling and staring and pointing at your plaintiff in a shocked manner."

She said she plunged back into the water and waited for her sister to bring her a towel. Mrs. Dibble said she then ran to her car with the towel wrapped around her.

James Dibble, the plaintiff's husband, said "this is a big joke to everyone around here except my wife."

Four-Alarm Blaze At Amusement Park

San Francisco —(UPI)— A four-alarm blaze destroyed \$250,000 worth of merry-go-round horses and other amusement equipment Friday night at San Francisco's famous Playland-at-the-Beach.

The spectacular fire, shooting flames high over the beach amidst gusts of rain, wrecked a three-story warehouse in which the play equipment was stored. Total loss, including the building, was estimated by its owner at \$400,000.

Forty pieces of equipment and 150 firemen were summoned to the scene and battled more than an hour to control the fire. Three firemen were slightly injured. Cause of the fire was not determined.

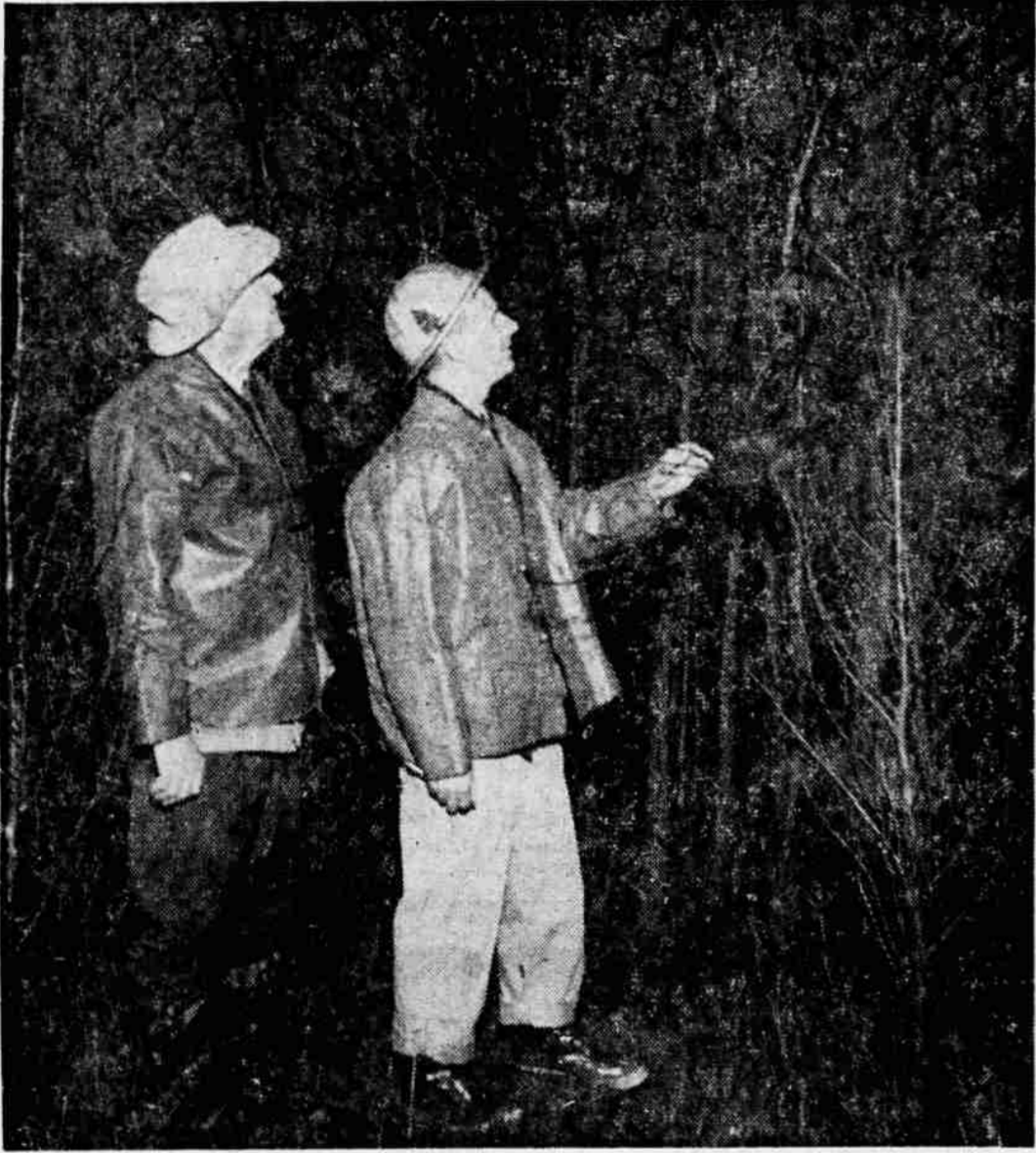
Burning of Cross Tried Christmas Eve

Riverside, Calif. —(UPI)— An attempt in Christmas Eve to destroy the Mt. Rubidoux Cross, the center of Easter sunrise services which attract thousands of persons each year, was revealed by police here Friday.

Police Lt. G. T. Yancey said Ray Weinberg, 18, and Roberts Mullane, 19, both of Riverside, reported they were beaten and kicked when they tried to prevent a group of vandals from igniting the 20-foot cross with petroleum waste.

Fire charred part of the lower section of the cross, dedicated in 1907 to Father Serra, founder of the California missions.

SHOE CAUSES HEADACHE
Pittsburgh —(UPI)— George West, 42, was shooed off to jail today after he shooed his wife. Katherine West, 27, was treated at St. Francis hospital for a scalp laceration suffered when her husband struck her with a shoe.



INSPECT TREES — Jack Mace, service forester, state board of forestry, and C. C. Hoover, Camp White area farmer, inspect a stand of hardwood trees being grown at the Gordon Kershaw nursery in the same area. The trees are being grown right next to a section of land which the Hoover family plans

to develop into a recreational area and grazing land by planting trees and grass. The park is to be named Centennial Park. The trees being grown at the Kershaw nursery are proof that trees can be grown on the thin soil of the district.

Sen. McNamara Calls Committee A 'Sacred Cow'

Washington —(UPI)— Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) said yesterday the Senate Rackets committee has outlived its usefulness but most people are afraid to say so because it has become "a sort of sacred cow."

However, the Michigan Democrat, who quit the committee last April after 16 months as a member, predicted the group's life would be extended in January for another year. He also forecast the Senate would give the committee another half million dollars or so, to be added to the \$1,250,000 spent up to now.

Crime and Labor
McNamara made his comments in a speech on "crime and the labor movement" which he prepared for delivery to the American Society of Criminology. The society met as part of the 125th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The senator said that Congress should enact labor reform legislation along the lines of last year's Kennedy-Vives hearings on corruption in unions. He said he thought the Senate Rackets committee's 1958 hearings added practically nothing to what was revealed in 1957. And he voiced doubt that "hearings in 1959 will be any more productive."

"Sort of Sacred Cow"
But McNamara said the committee, headed by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), has "become, in fact, a sort of sacred cow, which people hesitate to criticize for its excess for fear they will be charged with giving aid and comfort to crooks."

Aiken Endorses Kuchel as Leader

Burlington, Vt. —(UPI)— Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), leader of the "liberal" GOP wing, has recommended Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.), for the Senate minority leadership.

Aiken said he had no personal ambitions to become the GOP Senate leader in an interview over a Burlington radio station Friday night. He said he understood his name had been mentioned.

Aiken noted that "liberal" Republican senators planned to meet Tuesday in Washington to elect officers and propose a candidate to run for the post of GOP Senate leader.

The Vermont lawmaker said that President Eisenhower "has become more and more of a conservative" though he was regarded as a GOP liberal when seeking election in 1952.

DOGS HAVE DAY
San Jose, Calif. —(UPI)— Two mongrel dogs named Mac and George will be living the life of Riley from now on. The relatives of their benefactor will have to wait. The dogs were bequeathed the entire \$100,000 estate of Thomas E. Shrewbridge who died early this month. After 20 years his relatives get what is left,

erred the grass variety growing on the desert there. Legume varieties to be planted include a mixture of desert hop clover, subterranean clover and a little lotus. Grasses to be planted include winter blue grass, some alta fescue, and ladino.

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Atlas Satellite Still 'Talking'

Washington —(UPI)— America's Atlas satellite still is "talking."

The Defense Department said the four and a half ton satellite exchanged four more voice and teletypewriter messages Friday with Army ground stations. The giant missile was "interrogated and tested successfully" on four successive passes across the United States.

It marked the 35th time since the Atlas was shot aloft by the Air Force Dec. 18 that the delicate outer space communications "brain" has been interrogated.

The Pentagon reported that thus far since President Eisenhower's Christmas message was broadcast to earth a week ago, the relay equipment has been loaded and unloaded with messages 29 times.

Folger Announces Coffee Price Slash

Portland —(UPI)— A major coffee company (Folger) Friday announced a two-cent per pound reduction in wholesale coffee prices to stores in this area.

The reduction dropped the carload price to 76 cents per pound — lowest since June, 1950. A company spokesman said the reduction was because of "heavy supply."

Arkansas produces 96 per cent of all the bauxite in the United States — 215,500,000 tons of the mineral annually.

America Lacks Enlightenment In Approach Toward Criminals

By DELOS SMITH
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Washington —(UPI)— America is neither bright nor quite civilized about crime and punishment, according to scientific views aired yesterday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

One crime scientist took the whole system apart beginning with "crime prevention" and ending with the handling of paroled convicts. Another criminologist said civilized nations do not impose the death penalty but 40 of 49 United States do impose it.

Howard B. Gill, of the American university, Washington, D.C., thought the public was ridiculous in expecting police to prevent crime. Police forces should be "the terror" of criminals and should be wholly concentrated upon detecting them, he said.

Not Up to Police
The first responsibility for crime prevention is in the home, the school, the church, "and other character-building agencies," he declared. But the attitudes of most of us promote a "big, gentle cow-like concept of police work."

After the crime is committed, there come the criminal courts and criminal law. The public thinks criminal law "a dirty sordid business" and so

do law schools. Specialists are not trained and judges as well as the public think punishment deters crime and criminals can be controlled by force if they refuse to control

Builders in Japan To Share Contract

Tokyo —(UPI)— Japan solved yesterday the embarrassing problem of the contractor who offered to build part of Crown Prince Akihito's new palace for \$27.78.

The Construction Ministry announced that all seven firms who bid on construction of the framework of the new palace have agreed to share the job.

The move marked a retreat by Mannosuke Kanbe of the Hazama Construction company who submitted the \$27.78 bid. The next lowest bid was \$130,000.

Kanbe, a traditionalist of the old school, had maintained that he wanted to do a service for the imperial family just as builders used to do in the old days.

He came under heavy fire, however, being charged in the newspapers with "insulting courtesy." He also was accused of having "excessive devotion to the throne."

Polishing cocoa beans by treading them underfoot is called "dancing the beans" in Trinidad.

themselves by "will power." Gill asked, in effect, how silly can you get?

After the courts, the prison receives the criminal and in the prison one finds "monkey-cage penology." The convict is degraded and deprived and cut off from society. Instead of "hard work" he often is condemned to idleness and is subjected to petty and degrading rules. Yet America thinks criminals are "rehabilitated" in prison.

Rehabilitation Areas
On that assumption, they are released on parole and returned to society where it is thought they'll cease their criminal ways. But some 60 per cent do no such thing, and the reason is that a prison does not rehabilitate and SHOULD not. What is needed is to take criminals from prison and rehabilitate them in an organized and purposeful way before returning them to society.

The anti-capital punishment views were those of Sara R. Ehrmann of Brookline, Mass. She told the scientific symposium on criminology it was a pure and simple fact that neither capital punishment nor the lack of it has any influence on the homicide rate.

There hardly is a scientific authority which does not oppose capital punishment. Yet in the last 43 years only Delaware and Alaska have abolished the death penalty. What's wrong is massive inertia, and she urged scientists to rouse public opinion. She is director of the American League to Abolish Capital Punishment.