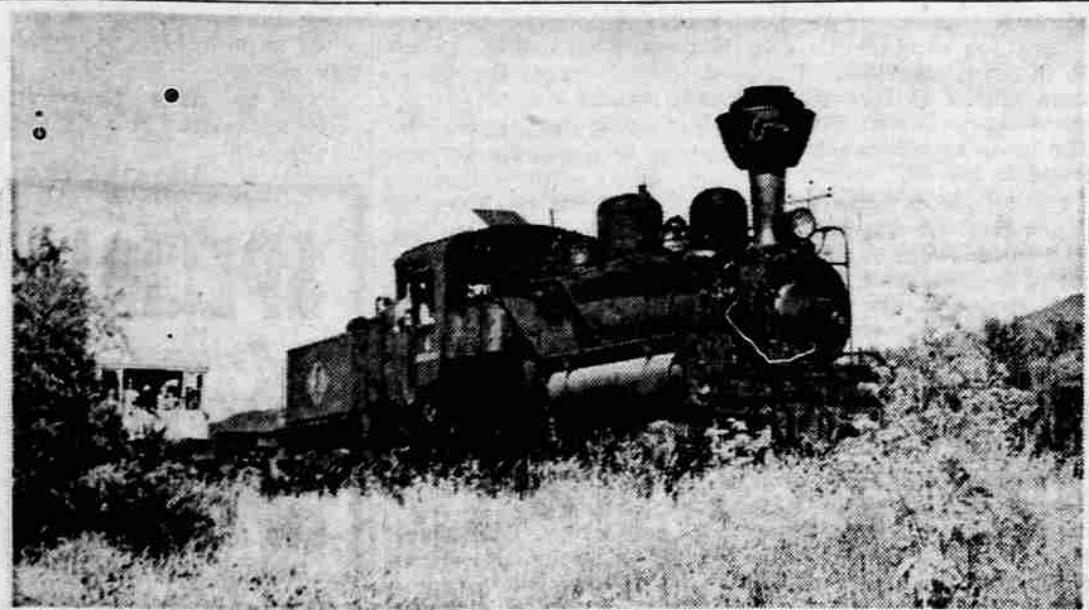
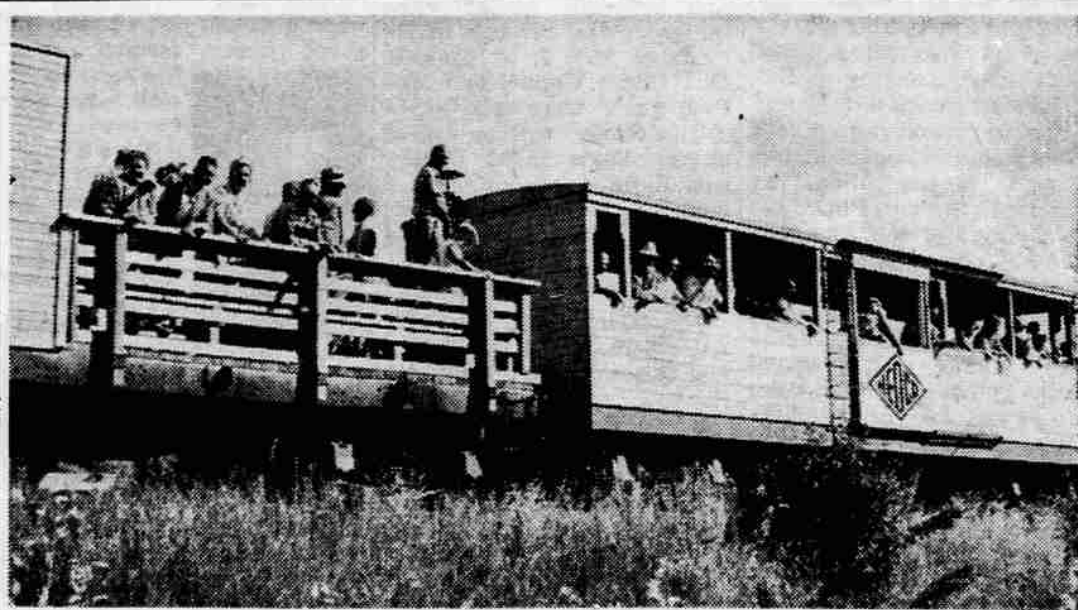


TRAIN DERAILMENT TURNS PICNIC AREA INTO INFERNO



NO. 4 COMES FORTH—Down from the high timber pulling three cars Saturday chugged Medford Corporation's No. 4 logging locomotive, destined for Medford's West Jackson st. park site. The steam stallion is a gift from Medco for the city's parks and recreation program. Some 90 passengers and crew members enjoyed the ride, while young children, many of whom had never before seen adults on a passenger train in this valley, watched in awe.



LOG LINE LIMITED—Riding in style Saturday were 90 local dignitaries and others aboard a Medford Corporation excursion train pulled by Old No. 4, the logging locomotive being given by Medco to the City of Medford. The passengers, shown here on the platform of the Mulligan car (left) and peering from under the roof of a second car, survived a mock raid by the "Black Dog Bandits" and swapped logging yarns and laughter.

Purchasing of Sheriff's Cars Still Under Fire

The question of purchasing five cars for the Jackson county sheriff's office reached an explosive point this morning in the Jackson county court.

County Judge Earl Miller and County Commissioner Chester Wendt, both Republicans, objected angrily to a written statement issued to press and radio by County Commissioner Ralph A. James, a Democrat.

James wrote that it is his opinion that the county court must accept the bid of DeLeigh Motors, Medford, for five Studebaker Larks at a total price of \$10,472.25 as the lowest bid. James said he has investigated these cars "and have proved to my satisfaction they are suitable and qualify for the work required."

James said it was not his understanding before the bid opening that the county court would purchase one each of several makes of cars. If this had been the original intention, an entirely different procedure would have been followed, James said.

"To cast out the lowest bid in favor of a higher bid for larger and more pretentious cars would make a farce of future bidding in Jackson county," James wrote. "I believe that arbitrary procedure is not the principle set forth in the law."

"The facts have been distorted to some degree," County Judge Earl Miller said. County Commissioner Wendt agreed. "It's a poor politics," the county judge remarked angrily.

"It's not true — any part of it," Wendt commented angrily.

After the county judge demanded several times who had actually written the statement, James admitted that County Clerk Marvin Maden, Democrat, had helped him prepare it. He insisted, however, that the statement is his own.

The county meanwhile is awaiting a district attorney's opinion on whether it is legally bound to accept the lowest bid. Deputy District Attorney Gerald Scannel said this morning he would have an opinion this afternoon on the point at issue — "what is the lowest responsible bidder" — from which purchases must be made, according to state law.

Must Accept Bid

Scannel said as far as he can determine now the county must accept the lowest bid if such a bid meets specifications.

Skin Divers Probe River for More Explosion Victims

14 Rail Cars Plunge Off Wooden Trestle

Meltrim, Ga. — (UPI) — Skin divers probed the murky depths of the Ogeechee river today for more victims of an explosion that sent flaming butane gas cascading down on a river playground Sunday afternoon.

At least 18 were dead, some of them children who had been swimming, boating and fishing with their parents and friends at the popular recreation spot near Savannah. Scores were injured, some of them horribly burned.

"Many persons were unaccounted for but it was impossible to compile any accurate number. About a hundred were at the spot when the accident happened.

A carefree summer's day turned into a hell-on-earth when 14 cars of a mile-long freight train plunged from a wooden trestle into the crowd of swimmers and picnickers. Two cars filled with butane, an inflammable gas, exploded — apparently touched off by the gaily-winking campfires of the victims-to-be.

An overcooked "journal box," which contains wheel bearings, was blamed by some officials for the train's derailment, but others said the cause would not be known for some time.

But Harvey's Fishing Camp, located two miles west of the small town 18 miles from Savannah, has become a name of horror. It is a place where small children screamed and died as a searing sheet of flame turned the quiet waters of the Ogeechee into a flaming river of death and blasted almost 300 acres of land.

Taken to Hospitals

For almost two hours after the explosion smoke-blackened ambulance attendants and rescue crews were unable to get closer than 1,000 feet to the scene.

Ambulances and Army and Marine Corps helicopters were used to transport the badly burned victims to hospitals in Savannah, where one tragic scene followed another.

Early today, under the glare of searchlights, searchers stretched a long net across the Ogeechee river 10 miles down stream from the scene of the disaster to keep any bodies from drifting away. Skin divers and boatmen started at the net and worked slowly upstream in a hunt for more victims.

Hawaiian Voters Overwhelmingly Clear Statehood

Honolulu — (UPI) — Democrats moved into the role of favorites for the two new U. S. Senate seats from Hawaii today as a result of primary voting which accompanied the territory's overwhelming plebiscite vote favoring statehood.

Hawaii voters turned out in record numbers Saturday and cast 133,525 votes in favor of statehood and only 7,921 against—a 17 to 1 ratio that exceeded the hopes of even the most ardent statehood supporters.

Democratic Victory Seen

But also significant was the balloting in the party primaries which accompanied the plebiscite. As a sample, John A. Burns ran away with the Democratic primary for governor with 69,152 votes, while Republican William F. Quinn polled only 49,431.

Political observers here pointed to this and other results as indicating a general Democratic victory in the general election July 28.

The vote on statehood will be presented to President Eisenhower, who is expected to set the territory's admission to the union for sometime in October.

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Eisenhower Signs Stop-Gap Measure For Airport Aid

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today signed a stop-gap bill to extend federal aid to airports for another two years at the present rate of \$63 million a year.

The measure was a watered down compromise finally agreed to by the House and Senate in hopes of avoiding a presidential veto. Eisenhower last year vetoed a more far-reaching Democratic bill.

Restrictions Tightened

The final compromise included a House provision tightening restrictions against use of funds in the bill for cocktail lounges or similar terminal facilities not essential to the "safety, comfort and convenience" of air travelers.

Eisenhower in a statement on signing the bill took the position that the measure gives his administration sufficient discretion to withhold federal funds from all but safety projects or construction needed for the "convenience or comfort" of persons using airports.

The measure prohibits commitment of federal money for parking lots, bars and lounges, night clubs, private clubs, garages and commercial offices.

The Senate originally passed a four-year \$465 million program. The House voted a \$297 million four-year bill. When conferees became snarled, the stop-gap, two year proposals emerged.

Grass and Brush Fire Saturday Burns 60 Acres at Neil Creek

Sixty acres of grass and brush burned late Saturday afternoon along Highway 66 at Neil creek bridge, the state department of forestry reported.

Forest patrolmen said that sparks from a passing truck were the apparent cause.

The blaze burned through a field of grass and baled hay and extended into brush on a hillside.

Five pump trucks and 20 men were sent to the fire.

New York — (UPI) — The mercury climbed to 95 degrees at 3 p.m. today, the hottest day of the season.



LANDMARK BURNS—The old Rock Point school house, built sometime before 1874, was destroyed by fire early today. Cecil Bateman, employee of Del Rio orchards, who had lived in the remodeled building for five years, escaped in his night clothes when he was awakened by Darel F. Garey, Gold Hill, who was driving by and discovered the fire. Only two other structures of the original Rock Point pioneer settlement now remain in the Gold Hill area. (Dave Parker photo)

Gold Hill Landmark Destroyed in Blaze

Gold Hill — The old Rock Point school house, built sometime prior to 1874, was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight last night.

The building, remodeled as a residence for workers of the Del Rio orchards, was occupied at the time of the fire by Cecil Bateman, an employee. Bateman, who was asleep at the time of the fire was awakened by Darel F. Garey, 21, Gold Hill, who was returning to his home from Eureka, Calif., and drove by the structure.

According to reports the building collapsed shortly after Bateman left the structure. He has made his home there for five years and lost all his possessions.

The building was one of the three remaining structures in the area that were part of the pioneer settlement of Rock Point prior to Gold Hill's beginning. The two remaining buildings are the original Rock Point hotel and stage

Chances Brighten For Peaceful End To Steel Dispute

New York — (UPI) — Chances of a peaceful settlement of the steel wage controversy brightened today, with tension between the negotiators eased as a result of President Eisenhower's intervention.

Taking advantage of a two week truce—which moved the strike deadline from Tuesday midnight until 12:01 a.m. July 15—the four-man negotiating teams of labor and management have agreed to step up their efforts to reach a settlement.

Beginning Wednesday, when the negotiating teams resume their talks, the joint eight-man conferees will hold morning and afternoon sessions until further notice.

No Concession Signs

Although neither side shows any immediate signs of making major concessions, indications are that "realistic" collective bargaining will take place in the near future.

All talks of steel mills banking blast furnaces and making other plans for a work stoppage died off after both sides bowed to President Eisenhower's appeal on Saturday to bargain "without interruption of production" for another fortnight, if necessary.

The two negotiating teams, headed by R. Conrad Cooper for management and Union President David J. McDonald for labor, got together in friendly fashion on Sunday, went through the formality of extending current agreements until 12:01 a.m. July 15, and recessed until Wednesday.

Long Heads for Motel Used as Temporary Office

Winnfield, La. — (UPI) — Gov. Earl K. Long wound up a lazy week end in his "little pea patch" today, climbed into his air-conditioned Cadillac with his psychiatrist, and headed back across the state to the motel at Covington he is using as a temporary capitol.

Long announced Sunday he plans to divorce his wife of 27 years for getting him into a mental hospital. He also said he is going to fire at least one more official for helping his wife, Blanche.

Long was wearing a farmer's hat and sitting in the front seat with David Bell, his chauffeur, while the psychiatrist and state Sen. B. B. (Sixty) Rayburn, a crony, sat on the back seat.

Bell was administrator of veteran affairs until Long got excited and fired him last month.

Long took over the biggest part of the Covington motel last Friday for a temporary state capitol after using his executive powers to get out of a nearby mental hospital, the third he has been in since May 30.

Long, 63, voluntarily submitted to the care of a team of psychiatrists after he regained his freedom and promised them to stay in the motel at least until Friday.

Mrs. Long left the state Tuesday, but was reported Sunday to have returned to her home in Baton Rouge. She could not, however, be located.

Residents to Help Make City More Beautiful

Tomorrow is the day to "Make Medford Beautiful," but citizens are asked by city hall officials to make their individual clean-ups today.

Pick-ups of refuse and trash are scheduled for early tomorrow morning in the city-wide campaign to make the city more attractive to residents and tourists.

The city council has asked citizens' cooperation in the "Make Medford Beautiful" campaign.

Trash should be placed in front of houses no later than this afternoon, since the two City Sanitary Service and three public works vehicles are scheduled to start their routes early tomorrow morning with time for only one round.

Trash on Curb

Trash should be placed on the curb or in the street parking strip.

Residents have been asked to:

1. Package all trash. Refuse should be placed in gunny sacks, cartons, boxes, or other containers. The containers will be hauled away with their contents and will not be returned.
2. Put tree or brush trimmings in bundles and tie them securely with rope, wire, or strong twine.
3. Do not set kitchen garbage out to be picked up.

It is hoped that in the future a specific day can be set aside each year for beautifying the city, city hall officials said.

Combustion Given As Cause for Fire

Phoenix — Spontaneous combustion in hay caused a barn to burn at the Mark A. Graham residence on Wildwood dr. near Phoenix Friday, the state forest patrol determined today.

The barn, connecting workshop, loafing shed, and a hatching and holding room and the contents were destroyed, Mrs. Graham said. The Phoenix fire department is limited to its city boundaries, but the state forest patrol truck responded to the call. Heavy traffic was reported to have delayed its arrival.

Mrs. Graham credited neighbors with saving the house by playing water on it with available hoses.

The Grahams were remodeling their home at the time so an amount of building materials and furniture stored temporarily in the barn were destroyed. Also destroyed were winter clothing, hunting and fishing equipment, a prize Black Cochon rooster and a setting hen.

Mrs. Graham said she thought fire insurance on the house partially covered the barn, connecting structures and contents.

Local Democrats Turn Out for Dinner Honoring Attorney Robert Duncan

About 100 local Democrats turned out for a "Salute to Duncan" dinner at the Rogue Valley Country club Saturday night. The dinner was in honor of Medford Attorney Robert Duncan, speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Duncan and the guests heard Gerald Scannel, deputy district attorney, read a handful of congratulatory telegrams, some of which suggested Duncan as the next governor of Oregon.

When he was called upon to speak Duncan admitted that he didn't "know exactly what to say" after the praise he had received.

He expressed his thanks, however, and in a short address to the dinner guests, he sketched the history of the Democratic party in the United States and said that throughout the years the Democratic party has stood for one thing, "for people and for human rights."

He praised the Democratic party's principles, especially in regard to taxation, responsibility to elderly people, education, and the protection of racial and religious rights. "The only reason for the existence of the Democratic party," he said, "is to furnish good government to the state and to the nation."

Margaret Price, national Democratic committeewoman from Michigan, was a guest at the dinner. She recently attended the western regional Democratic convention. Mrs. Price extended greetings from Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

Three of the telegrams came from Washington, D.C. A tape recording from Sen. Wayne Morse didn't arrive as expected because of Morse's rather

Lateral Structure Bids Now Open

Bids for constructing structures for the East lateral rehabilitation project on the Talent division, Rogue river basin project, will be received until 10 a.m. Aug. 4, it has been announced. They will be received by the bureau of reclamation, building 234, Camp White.

The work will include the construction of siphons, checks, wasteways, combination, and other structures along the lateral.

Estimated quantities include 17,520 cubic yards excavation, compacting 720 cubic yards embankments, 11,270 cubic yards backfill about structures, 300 cubic yards coarse gravel protection, 185 cubic yards riprap, 220 cubic yards rock backfill, 60 cubic yards gravel bedding, and 600 cubic yards concrete in structures.

Completion time is 560 days.

6,305 Persons Sign At Summit Stockade

A total of 6,305 persons have registered at the welcome stockade on Siskiyou summit, according to Ernie Hood, Jackson County Centennial association coordinator.

Yesterday was the second largest day as to total number to register, Hood said, with 492 visitors registering.

Among the tourists who stopped at the stockade were families from Finland, Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland as well as persons from Richmond, Va., and a missionary from Hong Kong, B.C.

Also stopping at the stockade was an Apache Indian from Apache Junction, Ariz., who obtained literature about southern Oregon to take back to his aged grandfather, Hood said.

Gun Barrage Greeted Queen at Toronto

Toronto, Ontario — (UPI) — A barrage of 21-gun salutes boomed over Toronto harbor today to welcome Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip aboard the blue and white royal yacht Britannia.

Thousands of persons lined the waterfront in sweltering 80-degree heat as the yacht steamed into the western gap.

Lt. Gov. J. Keller MacKay and Mrs. MacKay officially greeted the royal party.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Toronto harbor police were on guard in the calm waters of the harbor to keep a flotilla of about 1,000 small craft away from the royal yacht.

Court to Meet With Ditch Users

The county court offered this morning to meet with users of the Comstock ditch regarding recreational use of a 40-acre site a mile south of the old McKee bridge on the Applegate.

Medford Attorney Paul W. Haviland appeared before the county court this morning on the question of irrigation rights flanking the property. Haviland said the five users are concerned that the public might clog up the ditch connected to the Applegate river and destroy the sand and gravel dam used for diverting water into the ditch.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt and County Judge Earl Miller agreed that the county could maintain the dam. However, the water flows too swiftly through the ditch for it to be clogged up by other than use of mechanical equipment, it was pointed out.

Medford Guardsmen Are Second in Match

Two Medford guardsmen were on the second place team at the annual 41st infantry division rifle match held in Fort Lewis, Wash. Thursday. They were Master Sgt. Jack Burns and Pfc. David Schulz.

The team, from 2nd battle group, 18th infantry, fired 901, 10 points below the first place team.

Other team members were Capt. John Parsons and Pfc. Larry Lane of Roseburg, Lt. Richard Merneman of Springfield, and Pfc. Gerald James of Grants Pass. They all received medals from Maj. Gen. George S. Cook, division commander.

The Medford shooters were from Company E.

Oregon Gold Gulch To Open Saturday

Grand opening for Oregon Gold Gulch, "frontier mining town," is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, owner LaRue Morris has announced.

The pseudo-village, which includes a gold mine, general store, mining office and rock display, Wells Fargo office and blacksmith shop is on Hidden Valley ranch property off Highway 99 northwest of Central Point.

Morris opened his town on Saturday and reported "real good attendance" both that day and Sunday. The little community is open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

A gold panning contest and Indian dances are among activities scheduled on Independence Day.

The village is a memorial to prospectors, miners and loggers of the area.

Ice Cream Cones Inflation Victims

Portland — (UPI) — The 5-cent ice cream cone is the latest victim of inflation.

Kenneth M. Vincent, Oregon City, president of the Northwest Association of Retail Ice Cream Manufacturers says small cones will sell at 10 cents and large cones at 15 cents each starting Wednesday.

He said the boost was made necessary because of increasing costs, including milk, ice cream mix, chocolate, fruits and flavoring.

Weather

WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Tuesday, except for some afternoon cloudiness. Low tonight 45. High Tuesday 82.

TEMPERATURE

Highest Yesterday 75

Lowest This Morning 44

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise today 7:53 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 4:37 a.m.

Moonrise tomorrow 1:13 a.m.

New Moon July 5

The stars are at such great distances from us that their movements scarcely change the patterns of the constellations in a century. Not so the planets; this week watch brilliant Venus moving near the star, Regulus.

