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CHILDREN PREPARE FOR COMMONWEALTH GAMES

The children of Sunnyside Kindergarten in Wembley, Western Australia, are doing their part to make a success of the VII Commonwealth Games that will be opened at Perth in November by the Duke of Edinburgh.

After saving pennies during the last term, they presented them to Lord Mayor Sir Harry Howard for the Games Fund and were later served cakes and soft drinks in the Lord Mayor's chamber while Sir Harry told them the story of his mayoral chain.

Mrs. Jess Evans, director of the kindergarten writes: "Every term the children save pennies, and when their Mickey Mouse Castle is full, we go to town and hand them over to some worthy cause. So the children have the pleasure of seeing what their pennies can do and are also rewarded for the virtue of helping others."

"The Commonwealth Games swimming pool caused quite a riot here. Sir Harry, Chairman of the Games Organizing Council, wanted to build it in our Kings Park. Although there are 90 acres, it apparently couldn't be done as the park had been set aside for natural park land in the heart of the city. So another place had to be found, and a spot was located for it about two miles out of town."

"My kindergarten children will use it as they grow older, so they gave their pennies to help pay for it. Of course, they think that bag of pennies bought it all."

"Now we have started saving again for a new project, but we are undecided as to what it will be. Perhaps we will buy a guide dog for someone who is blind, or we may send the pennies to Korea for the children there."

"We are looking forward to November and our Commonwealth Games, and I believe the overseas visitors will be far more than we first anticipated. Our kindergarten is going to house quite a few, and although there will be little inconveniences, we'll have fun. I am sure. Some people will have to bathe in the Kindy Paddle Pool, because one bathroom will be

no good, even with a time limit.

"Back in the old days we used to feel that a bucket of water hung over a branch and slowly tipped was a good shower for a camp holiday. We won't be suffering that way, although we have a yard full of trees with good branches."

"November here is the month of approaching summer, and the weather is warm with occasional cold nights. But most of the rain will be over, so I hope our visitors will enjoy our sunny West."

Local Buildings Included in Study Of Fallout Shelters

Two Medford school buildings are included among five Oregon schools and hospitals which will take part in a nationwide study of how to incorporate fallout shelters into proposed and existing designs.

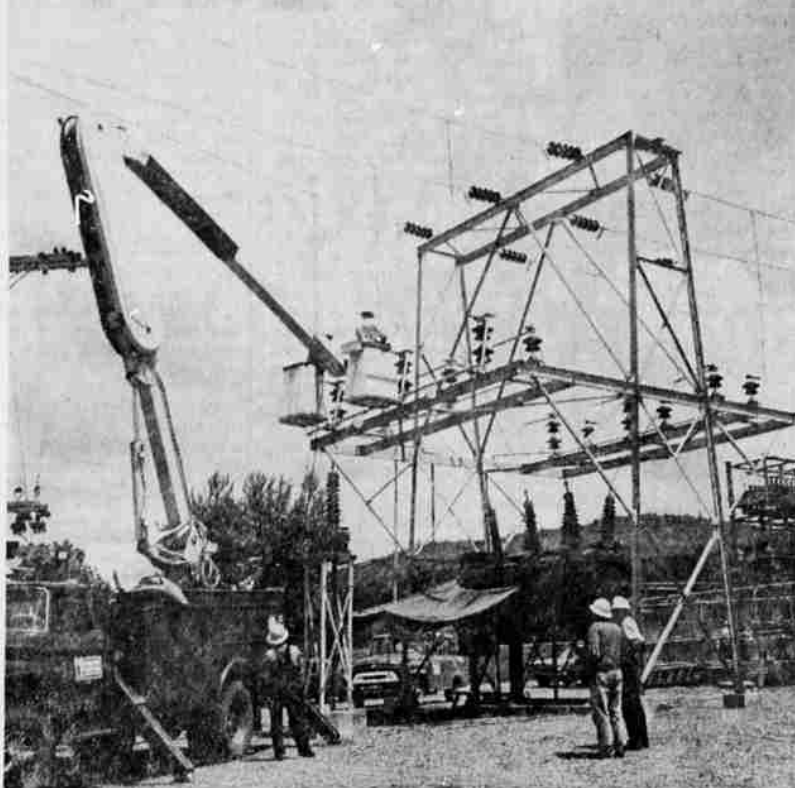
The local buildings are Hedrick Junior High school and the new grandstand under construction at the Medford High school athletic field.

Col. Sterling K. Eisminger, U. S. Army district engineer, Portland, said contracts have been awarded for the studies, which are designed to provide technical data and cost information to the office of civil defense and school districts and hospitals.

To Accommodate Crowds The pilot study is designed to determine what will be necessary to convert large buildings into fallout shelters to accommodate large groups of 50 or more persons.

Architects for the local studies are Robert Keeney and William Siebert, both of Medford. Architects, school officials and representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers discussed the program here recently.

Hedrick Junior High school lends itself to fallout shelter facilities because it is a multi-story building, and the new grandstand could become a shelter because it is reinforced concrete.



GETS FINAL CHECK — New substation equipment to supply additional electric service into the White City industrial area east of Medford got a final check-out by crews of Pacific Power and Light company recently. Twin-bucket crane lifts workers safely to reach terminal posts for 66,000-volt lines.

THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Attempted Escape From Prison, Life Jacket Dominate Stories

By United Press International Prisons and prisoners dominated a large share of California news last week.

Six death row inmates at San Quentin prison took two guards hostage in a bold escape attempt. But they surrendered three hours later amid a barrage of tear gas shells.

Later in the week, execution dates were set for two of the would-be escapees, Luis Moya and Augustine Baldonado. Ventura County Superior Court Judge Edward Henderson ordered the two inmates to die with Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Aug. 8. If carried out, it would be the second triple execution in California history.

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and third in the traffic toll, with 14 and 10 fatalities respectively.

Fire: A brush fire charred 1,850 acres, threatened 20 homes and forced temporary evacuation of 12 families in rugged terrain near Escondido. The blaze was only one of four widely separated fires in San Diego county.

Everyman: Three pacifists discovered that tackling the federal government is one thing — but battling the Pacific Ocean is something else again. The trio sailed from San Francisco Bay for the Pacific nuclear zone but turned back because of seasickness.

A spokesman for the Committee for Non-Violent Action said the three "implied that while the government is

not their master, the sea is. They said it was just too much to cope with."

The three skipped their trimaran sailboat Everyman I out of Sausalito despite a federal court order forbidding the voyage. Government officials instituted contempt proceedings and warrants were issued for the sailors' arrest. They were protesting against nuclear testing.

Girl: A pretty 11-year-old girl who disappeared a few blocks from the scene of an unsolved 1961 kidnaping was found dead — her nude body afloat in the ocean near Corona Del Mar. A coroner's autopsy said Dorothy Gale Brown, of Torrance, apparently died of drowning. Investigators questioned known sex offenders and others with criminal records.

Co's situation: Agreement was reached by southern California contractors and the AFL-CIO operating engineers union on a new three-year contract. The settlement relieved strike threats in the construction industry. Details of the pact were not released.

Garibaldi: Bob Garibaldi, one of the most sought-after college pitchers in the history of professional baseball, signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants for a bonus presumed to be about \$125,000. Garibaldi, 19, was a star sophomore hurler for Santa Clara university.

230,000-Volt Line Energized Friday By Power Firm

Pacific Power and Light company's newest transmission circuit, a 55-mile-long section of the 230,000-volt capacity work network for the Copco division power system, went into service Friday following energizing tests of the Medford-to-Roseburg facility.

Built at a cost of \$2,000,000, the line reaches from the Lone Pine substation near Medford to the Dixonville substation near Roseburg, and completes the large capacity transmission system needed to transfer large amounts of electric power from the company's hydroelectric plants on the Rogue, Klamath and Umpqua rivers to load centers of southern Oregon and northern California.

"A quarter of a million homes could be supplied at one time with the amount of energy this network can now deliver to all sections of the Copco division of Pacific Power," Frank Bash, vice president and Copco division manager reported.

Sections Completed Other sections of the 230,000-volt network were completed earlier, Bash said.

The PP&L executive reported the construction of the 100-mile-long, 230,000-volt line which will provide a larger capacity interconnection between the Copco system and the company's Willamette valley system is rapidly nearing completion.

The Dixonville substation will be the southern terminus for the line and the Fry substation near Albany, largest on the system, will be the northern terminus.

"When the \$5,200,000 Dixonville-Fry line is placed in service it will provide for fully integrated operation of Pacific Power's hydroelectric plants in the Copco division with the company's large power sources on northern streams, particularly its three major plants on the Lewis river north of Portland," Bash said.

"The broader base of the combined hydroelectric generating resources of the company, totaling more than 1,000,000 kilowatts of generating capability, will provide additional reserves for the dependable power supply that our customers require," he added.

Ashland Sawmill Plans to Reopen

Ashland — Operation of the Paul Workman Lumber company, Ashland sawmill, is scheduled to resume Monday under control of Parker Industries, Ashland.

Parker Industries represents a group of investors attempting to boost the economy of the Ashland area by creating employment.

Gene Tepper will be superintendent of the mill.

Members of Parker Industries have asked creditors of the lumber company delay requests for payment of bills until the mill has operated long enough to gain sufficient revenue for payment. Creditors will be reimbursed from a trust fund created by the lease money paid by the investors to Paul Workman Lumber company.

The Jackson county court has been asked as one of the

mill's creditors not to attach or garnish the operation. Spokesmen said the investment group has a verbal understanding with District Attorney Alan Holmes that such an agreement can be worked out.

Activity of the mill will support about 50 area families, spokesmen said.

Veterans Service Office Plans To Move

Plans have been made to move the Jackson county veterans service office from the third floor of the Jackson county courthouse to the first floor of the same building.

The move is being made so the office may be more easily available to disabled veterans using wheelchairs and prosthetic appliances.



BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

The height of the nesting season occurred in mid-June. At that time many parent birds were busy carrying insects, worms, and other food to their young. The killdeers and other species were performing their "broken wing" act to lure one away from their nest. Swallows generally circled you with distress cries if you approached their nests.

The outstanding event was on June 21, when we sighted a family of six blue-grey gnatcatchers on Roxy Ann. For the past three years, there have been a few gnatcatchers on Roxy Ann in the spring. This sighting, however, is the first evidence that they actually nest there.

The gnatcatchers, young and old, travel through the brush and trees much like bushtits, busy, and inquisitive to my simulated call. As "Birds of Oregon" have no record of gnatcatchers, next year I hope to find a nest to further substantiate this breeding record.

On the same trip to Roxy Ann, my daughter, Betty Jo, and I saw young families of white-breasted nuthatches and lark sparrows. There were also young birds of both Bewick's wrens, and house wrens.

During this hot, dry weather, the spring at the picnic site on Roxy Ann attracts many species of birds. I suggest this site as a restful and excellent observation area for "birders."

The bluebird nest boxes I erected so hopefully at our cabin on the Rogue were a total loss in so far as attracting bluebirds.

However, there were compensations. Four pair of tree-swallows nested in two bluebird nest boxes, one wren nest box, and one titmouse nest box.

The fact that the swallows could nest in a box as small as one built for a wren really surprised me. I enjoyed watching the swallows feed their young and perform their spectacular flying feats while pursuing insects.

These nests attracted other nesting birds, for I discovered two oriole-nests and one American goldfinch nest, all of which were within 20 feet of the swallow nests. A variance here, one oriole nest was in the top of a tall oak tree, while the other was at the end of an oak limb about eight feet from the ground.

Two pair of house wrens raised families near our cabin. One pair occupied a wren box and the other a bluebird box. The wrens added a lot of cheery singing to the overall symphony of sound, which included the double notes of the Bullock's orioles, and the liquid twitter of the swallows. One particular Bullock's oriole had a beautiful song to offer, similar to a meadowlark but more subdued.

About the middle of June, A. Reynolds, who lives on Griffin Creek, called me for information concerning a bird that whistled and sang most of the night.

I was delighted to get this information since I know the night singing bird we have in this area is called the chat, but I was not sure regarding the exact time of the year it would perform.

June 21 was a beautiful moonlight night, so I listened outside my cabin at 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. for the chat with no success. However at 3 a.m. my wife called me as one had started to sing and call near the cabin. Even in the daytime the call of the chat is loud, striking, and interesting.

At 3 a.m. the clear repeated whistles, alternated with soft notes dominated the night. It would be interesting to know if the chat sings on cloudy nights and if he sings during July as well as June.

In looking back over the migration this spring, I am still puzzled by two occurrences. About May 18 to May 25, the valley was flooded with Western wood peewees. The next week the peewees were gone and vast numbers of western kingbirds were present. Never before have I noted such waves of these two species.

Otherwise the spring migration seemed normal, although the weather was much colder than usual. Most of the migrants arrived on approximately the same dates they have arrived in former years.

One other oddity, though, I haven't yet seen a western flycatcher, although they should be resident by now.

One of our experienced birders, Ralph Browning of Phoenix, after graduating from Phoenix High school recently left on a year's birding trip around the United States. His objective is to identify as many of the nation's birds as possible.

His itinerary has been well arranged even to obtaining permission to visit the whooping crane refuge in Texas. Any information received from him will be relayed through this column.

Each month I receive many interesting telephone calls and letters concerning birds in this country. My telephone number is 773-5230 and I am generally available after 7 p.m. for such calls.



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Holiday: Once again California led the nation in traffic deaths during the Fourth of July holiday. Fatalities were recorded at the rate of one every 75 minutes.

Twenty-four persons died on the state's highways between 6 p.m. Tuesday and midnight Wednesday. The worst accident occurred in Modesto where an automobile crashed into a crowd dispersing from a holiday parade.

In addition, one person drowned and another burned to death in southern California, where 14 of the traffic deaths took place. New York and Texas were second

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