



Missile Frigate Launched

The U.S.S. Biddle slides down Bath Iron Works Corp. ways Friday afternoon after being christened by Mrs. William H. Bates. The 7,900-ton frigate will be moored in the Kennebec River until completion by BIW. (Story, other photo on Page 15.) (By District Correspondent Swearingin)

Rubber Products Firm To Build \$750,000 Plant In Auburn; Will Employ About 600

By FRANK SLEEPER Business Reporter

AUBURN — This central Maine city got a big economic Friday as Goodyear Rubber Co. the oldest rubber products firm in the U. S., announced it will build a 160,000-square-foot, one-story rubber and canvas footwear plant here for more than \$750,000.

Goodyear has plants in Middletown, Conn., and Georgia. It will build on a 27-acre tract of land at Hotel Merriv Road.

The plant here would employ about 600, 80 per cent of them men. City Manager Woodbury E. Brackett said.

Goodyear President George Shapiro, Brookline, Mass., said it's unknown whether

the 600 would later have to be expanded.

Goodyear Rubber Co. is not to be confused with Good-year Tire and Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.

The Boston firm was founded in 1872 at Middletown. 26 years before Goodyear Tire and Rubber came into being at Akron. And predecessor companies of Goodyear Rubber had been in existence before 1872.

Goodyear Rubber has been owned for about 40 years by the Shapiro family, its president said. As a family-owned corporation, it doesn't make public its sales and earnings, but Shapiro said that its business has been "good."

It built its Georgia plant several years ago. Work on the new plant here will start within a week and production is expected early next year.

Goodyear Rubber will finance the project itself, has already purchased the land involved. "It's a wealthy company," Brackett declared.

The Auburn city manager said he also has two more prime industrial prospects for his community.

Work with Goodyear Rubber went on for more than eight months before the final decision was reached.

The company already has a field office at the building site. It wouldn't be surprising if

eventual cost of the building went to \$150,000 or more.

That was the figure put on the building permit for the factory structure and such permits are usually made out at a cost lower than the one eventually arrived at.

The operation will be known as BonAn Footwear Co. Inc. BonAn is French for good year.

Shapiro said his company will open a training center for prospective employees three or four months before the start of operations.

Shapiro credited Brackett with being the leading force in the company's expansion to Auburn.

"We were interested in

coming to Maine because I know Maine people and what they can do. I want to help them. I was in 1926 and was a shoe business with Maine shoe manufacturers for years. We like your state's atmosphere," Shapiro declared.

"We have over a good number of Maine communities. Mr. Brackett made a great impression on us with his idealistic way of presenting his community," he concluded.

Many of Goodyear Rubber products are sold under the "Gold Seal" trademark. Gold Seal was one of the firm's predecessor firms.

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Gov't To Help Negro Teachers Jobless Because Of Integration

NEW YORK (UPI) — President Johnson, vigorously applauded by thousands of educators, Friday announced a federal campaign to help Negro teachers who are forced out of job because of school desegregation.

Johnson drew a hearty response from the 10,000 delegates and guests assembled at Madison Square Garden for the National Education Association's annual convention when he told them of the program.

In his speech, the President also announced formation of a national "teachers corps" to enlist thousands of dedicated

Americans to work alongside local teachers in urban slums and in areas of rural poverty.

"They will be young people, preparing for teaching careers," Johnson said. "They will also be experienced teachers willing to give a year to places of the greatest need, where they can bring the best in our nation to the help of the poorest of our children."

The Chief Executive, who was a schoolteacher before he entered politics and plans to teach again after he leaves the White House, described himself as his "fellow educators" as being "still on leave of absence from

the Houston public school system."

In calling for giant new strides to improve the nation's schools, the President declared: "The time for talking and dreaming, and philosophizing and writing platitudes is gone and the time for doing things instead of talking about them is here."

Following the speech, Johnson was given a life membership in the NEA. The membership certificate was presented to him by Lois V. Edinger, retiring NEA president.

He then left the Garden for Kennedy Airport where he de-

parted on a flight to Texas to spend the Fourth of July weekend at his ranch at Johnson City.

Expressing concern about the dismissal of Negro teachers in desegregating school districts, the President said he had ordered the U. S. Office of Edu-

cation to keep close watch on the situation in reviewing state and local school desegregation plans.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has charged that some southern school districts are in violation of the law.

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Fresh Thrust Is Made To North Of Hanoi Line

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Thirty U.S. Air Force planes worked over military targets Friday at Dien Bien Phu, symbol of France's defeat in the Indochina war by Communist-led guerrillas who are idols of the Viet Cong. It was

fresh thrust north of the Hanoi line. Strikes at the airfield and barracks of Dien Bien Phu, a 15-mile-long, 185-mile-wide north-south line, highlighted a day of action on both sides of the Vietnamese border.

Pilots said they destroyed six barracks buildings, razed 12 other buildings and cratered the runway of the airfield in two 30-minute attacks. They loosed 50 tons of bombs, plus an assortment of rockets and missiles.

They reported no opposition air or ground, in that rugged area near the Laotian frontier, where the surrender of Brig. Gen. Christian Castries' decimated garrison to besieging Red forces of Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap May 7, 1954, tolled the end of the French colonial empire.

Local Merchant Charged With Selling Beer For High School Lake Parties

By JAMES C. SAUNDERS JR. Staff Reporter

A local merchant has been charged with supplying beer to more than two-score high school boys for drinking parties— at Sebasteo Lake and Bridgton. Sheriff Charles Sharpe described the parties as "violent" and said two cottages had been badly damaged and a third broken into.

Sharpe said his department had been investigating the case for two weeks and learned the boys had purchased 63 cases of beer, valued at \$317.

Sharpe declined to identify the merchant. He said he had turned the case over to the State Liquor Commission Enforcement Division for hearing. Enforcement chief Timothy J. Murphy, was unavailable for comment.

Sharpe identified the 43 boys as members of the Portland High School Class of 1965. Sharpe said his department has given stiff warnings to the 43 senior boys. They and their families have agreed to full restitution to the cabin owners for the damage, he said.

Because they have agreed to

City, Gas Light Firm's Tax Dispute Is Settled

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON, City Hall Reporter

The debate between Portland and the Portland Gas Light Co. over \$58,000 in unpaid 1964 property taxes and interest came to a close Friday when the gas firm announced it has sent the city a check for the full amount.

The firm had claimed that it was overassessed by the city and paid only \$45,000 of its 1964 tax bill. That left \$12,000 in unpaid taxes. Since then, the city's assessors abated about \$25,000 of the firm's assessment, because it no longer had some of the equipment on which it had been taxed. That took about \$9,000 off the bill.

Thus, as far as the city was concerned, the gas firm still owed \$53,000. The company still objected to the amount, and no settlement was possible for months.

Since that time, interest on the unpaid tax bill has been mounting up— almost \$3,000. Thus the company owed the city a little over \$56,000.

The check was sent Thursday, according to Richard Duplessis, assistant treasurer of Portland Gas Light. And it was sent by registered mail.

But the city hadn't received

Thus, it will be Tuesday before the city will know whether the letter merely took longer than usual to deliver, was lost, or whatever else may have happened to it.

City Hall will be closed until then because of the long holiday weekend.

Once the money is received, it will most likely be held over as unanticipated revenue from prior years' taxes, and will show up as a carryover to be credited to the 1966 budget.

This would make budgeting for 1966 a little easier, just as the failure of the money to appear in 1964 made this year's budget preparation a little more difficult.

Technically, the City Council could amend its 1965 tax levy by the amount of the windfall, and reduce this year's tax rate by about 19 cents. But normal procedure would be to carry it over to next year's budget, City Manager Graham W. Wait said Friday.

Corporation Counsel Barnett I. Shur has been negotiating with the gas firm ever since the company rejected the \$9,000 tax abatement as insufficient. Since then, neither Shur nor officials of the company appeared ready to give an inch.

Twenty U.S. Navy pilots hit the Nam Binh oil tank farm in a raid that, judging from a briefing officer's account, sent up 12,000-foot smoke columns that should have been clearly visible in Hanoi, 40 miles away to the northwest. This strike was five miles closer to North Viet Nam's capital than any previously announced.

In Saigon, a U.S. spokesman said South Vietnamese troops killed 120 Viet Cong and captured eight in three ground operations. Most of the casualties were reported inflicted in a fight in Thua Thien Province, 400 miles north of Saigon.

Airships at Choe Reo and Soc Trang were under Communist mortar attacks before dawn. Briefing officers said three helicopters were damaged at Choe Reo, 230 miles northeast of Saigon, and one helicopter crashed due to mechanical failure after it took off to evade the shelling at Soc Trang, 100 miles southeast of Saigon. One American at Soc Trang was reported wounded.

Four U.S. Marines were airlifted to safety after their helicopter was forced down by engine trouble nine miles southwest of Da Nang. There were no injuries. The disabled helicopter was destroyed by Skyhawk jets.

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Jo Coulthard of the Pleasant Hill Road, Scarborough, busily harvests green peas to go with the Fourth of July salmon. The season's dry weather brought the pea crop along somewhat earlier than usual, according to County Agent Clement F. Dunning. (By Staff Photographer James)

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Luci Becomes 18, Joins Roman Catholic Church

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Luci Baines Johnson, marked her 18th birthday Friday by joining the Roman Catholic Church.

"I've never been happier in all my life," she said after a private baptismal ceremony at St. Matthew's Cathedral, six blocks north of the White House.

The 2 p.m. EDT service, kept secret by the White House until it was over, was attended by President and Mrs. Johnson and older sister, Lynda.

St. Matthew's is the same church where the late President John F. Kennedy's funeral services were held on Nov. 25, 1963. Luci, who as a child was baptized an Episcopalian — her mother's and sister's faith — described the ceremony to a UPI reporter. "I cried," she said. "Just about everybody cried."

She explained her decision this way: "Five years ago, I like when young people began to question and I began to wonder..."

"I found my answer in the church." She said she had been practicing Catholic for five years and had been taking instruction

in Catholicism for a year. She decided to join the church two months ago. She wanted to wait until she had graduated from high school and had her parents' full consent.

"I was waiting until I was eighteen so that I could make the decision as an adult, not as a child," she said.

"I was determined not to divorce myself from my family. I felt this was right for me. I am a happy family, as close now as we have always been."

Asked how her parents felt, Luci replied: "I think they're happy for me."

The President is a member of the Disciples of Christ, a Protestant denomination also known as the Christian Church. He has a wife and three children.

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Riot Rumors Circulate

Holiday Traffic Reported As Heavy Along Turnpike

Riot rumors overshadowed the normal excitement of the long Fourth of July weekend Friday.

Maj. Gen. Edwin H. Heywood, state adjutant general, announced that two battalions of the 133rd Armored Guard, Maine National Guard, will train at Saco over the weekend. Reinforced State Police patrols crisscrossed the turnpike and roads in York County, the area mentioned in persistent riot rumors.

Although northbound traffic was heavy along the turnpike and moderate on other Southern Maine roads, no large gatherings of potential troublemakers were reported.

State Police said 1,500 cars an hour were flowing into Maine during the peak hours of the evening. Southbound traffic was considerably lighter, about 500 cars an hour.

Gen. Heywood emphasized that the 1st and 4th Battalions of the 26th Armored were not

being alerted or mobilized for possible trouble in the York County area.

"We are taking advantage of the ingredients that are riot rumors here and are moving up a couple of weeks ahead of regular training," he said.

The battalions, totaling 450 men, will train for 24 hours each at the Saco Army Camp. The first will arrive Saturday afternoon, the second Sunday afternoon.

Emphasis will be on riot crowd control, part of the regular training program.

Friday's fair, warm weather got the weekend off to a good start, but the U.S. Weather Service predicted a hot, sunny day.

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Prayer For Today

We thank Thee, O God, for our country and the part it has taken in history. We glory in its founding as a refuge of the free spirit, and in deep humility we thank Thee for the providence that has placed us here. Forbid that in our love for country we should neglect to love all mankind. Forbid that in our success and prosperity we should forget the gritty reality that many must face. In our common creation we are all Thy children! Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—Marilyn J. Mays, Hallowell, Pa., vice president, Innisfree College.

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