

2 KILLED, 7 INJURED WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE

Town Erased By Fire; Loss Near \$100,000

Underwood, Wash., Blaze
Also Damages Farms;
30 Families Homeless

UNDERWOOD, Wash., May 6.—(P)—The task of finding new homes for 30 families and rebuilding every business faced this mid-Columbia River Valley village this morning as townspeople returned to salvage a few belongings from the still smoldering remains of the community.

Residents slept last night at homes of friends in nearby communities after fires wiped out the cluster of business buildings and most of the houses in a few hours yesterday afternoon.

There were no reports of injuries among the evacuated families, but volunteer Red Cross aides at White Salmon, Wash., and Hood River, Ore., across the river, said almost every family had lost their belongings in the swift-moving fire.

Fire companies of four neighboring towns joined crews of the Washington State Forestry Department yesterday in saving a score of outlying Underwood homes and preventing brush fires from reaching White Salmon, Wash., three miles east of here. Several farm buildings inside the brush fire zone, set by sparks from Underwood buildings, were leveled but three farm homes surrounded by burning grass and brush were saved. The fire jumped the White Salmon River as a strong west wind whipped through the narrow Columbia River Gorge here.

The only commercial building not destroyed in the community was a large apple storage warehouse west of Underwood, across the Washington Evergreen Highway. It was saved because winds swept the flames eastward, firemen reported.

Oil Blast Spreads Flames

George Ballinger, whose three-story apartment, general store and post office building was destroyed, told firemen he believed sparks from a chimney ignited the roof of his building. The fire quickly spread to three other business buildings, the 18-room Underwood Hotel and an auto service station. Firemen from Hood River reported an explosion.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THEY are making a movie at the Los Angeles area beach town mentioned in these chronicles the other day.

It would be more accurate to say they are making a small piece of the mosaic that when finally assembled will be a moving picture. To the eye of the layman, there is neither rhyme nor reason in cinema manufacturing. In the early days of the process, they will shoot a scene that comes well along toward the end. Maybe weeks later, they shoot the beginning of the piece.

Anyway, they are making a segment of a screen epic that unless somebody changes his mind will go out to the cash customers as "stallion Road."

RESIDENTS say that quite a while back scouts came down and chased a little cow below the town. In the slow course of time, a business representative showed up and rented the spot. In due sequence, somebody appeared and put up a "road closed" sign, shutting the beach off from ingress.

After that, landscape crews came and planted trees where there were no trees before and spotted papier-mache rocks where

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War Guilt, Murder Charges Denied by 27 Ex-Jap Leaders

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Coal Shrinkage Cuts City Service

Chicago Area Under Limited Electric Use

Congress Demands Action
To End Strike; Transit
Tie-Ups Hit 3 Sections

(By the Associated Press)
As the strike of 400,000 soft coal miners entered its sixth week today, the number of idle across the nation in coal-related industries exceeded 71,000.

Shrinkage of coal supplies forced millions to realize the importance of the fuel in their daily lives. In Chicago, industries, business and shops were restricted to four hours' operations daily, and the city's entertainment sports were blacked out, except for restaurants, after 6 P. M.

Other communities in the Chicago area also ordered "dimouts," to conserve electricity. Many buildings in Chicago curtailed elevator service, so that thousands of office workers trudged up long flights of stairs to their

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Logger Drowns in Umpqua at Elkton

Arthur Noble Siman, 40, was drowned at Elkton Saturday evening, when he fell from a bridge girder and was carried into rapid water.

A former structural steel worker at Stevenson, Wash., Siman had been making his home at Elkton for the past year, while working as a logger. While Harold Iman, James Bettingfield and John Sawyer were fishing off the Elkton bridge, Siman amused himself by climbing over the steel framework.

Witnesses reported that he suddenly lost his hold and plunged 45 feet into the water. After striking the water he called back that he was unhurt and would swim ashore, but his clothing prevented sufficiently rapid progress, and, before he could reach safety, he was swept into the rapids 350 yards below the bridge and was drowned. Search for the body was continuing today.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Siman, 36, and a six-month-old son, Edwin.

Bridge Lumber Company Loggers End Their Strike

REEDSPORT.—The woods crew supplying the Bridge Lumber Company, Reedport, returned to work today following a one-week strike called to force inclusion of benefits in agreements with contractors and sub contractors. Settlement has not yet been reached, however, with the Gardner Lumber Co. and the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. The strike was called by Local 140 IWA, CIO, in which logging crews are organized. The affected mills are organized by the AFL but all logging operations are organized by the CIO.

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Trio of Convicts Surviving Revolt in Alcatraz Prison May Die in Gas Chamber

SAN FRANCISCO, May 6.—(P)—The FBI moved into Alcatraz today to collect evidence against three survivors of the half-dozen convicts whose desperate, vain break for freedom brought a bloody, 36-hour siege of their cell-block and left five men dead and 15 wounded.

Not a single prisoner escaped.

The three may yet die—in San Quentin's gas chamber.

"There is a good chance that evidence will be sufficient to indict the surviving participants for murder," asserted U. S. Attorney Daniel C. Deasy—and if it is, he said, the death penalty will be demanded.

Despite the fact that there were only two guns in the entire group involved in the furious battle, he added, "where one or more participants (in a conspiracy to escape) actually killed someone, the others would be part of that conspiracy, and could be charged with murder."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is taking statements from other prisoners as well as from guards, Deasy reported, and "the matter will be presented to the federal grand jury here."

The three surviving participants, said Warden James A. Johnson, were Sam Shockley, 36, serving a life term for kidnapping and robbery in Oklahoma; Miran Edgar Thompson, 29, serving 99 years for kidnapping and life for killing a Texas policeman; and Clarence Carnes, 19, Oklahoma desperado serving 99 years for kidnapping and murder.

Guards broke into the last dark utility corridor of the embattled prison wing Saturday to find the bodies of three others.

Three Leaders Slain
Bernard Coy, 46, little Louisville, Ky., bank robber who started the uprising by clambering up to a third-tier guard's gallery and forcing his way into it, slug and disarm Guard Bert Burch, was defiant to the last. Death caught him with arms extended as though still gripping

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Two-Job Suit Against Oregon Officials Renewed

SALEM, Ore., May 6.—(P)—Suit contesting the right of State Senator W. H. Strayer, Baker, to serve on the state board of geology and mineral industries was filed in circuit court here today by Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden and Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay publisher.

The suit is similar to those filed against State Senator Merle Chessman, Astoria, who also served on the State Highway Commission; and State Representative Earl Hill, Cushman, who also serves on the State Fish Commission.

The complaints claim that the three men are serving illegally in two branches of the state government—the legislative and executive.

Sackett earlier had brought suits against Chessman and Hill, but the court held he was without capacity to bring the suit. So this time, Hayden is joining with him.

Effort to End Portland Harbor Dispute Fizzles

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6.—(P)—This west coast harbor faced its second week of shipping tie-up today as waterfront employers and CIO cargo checkers remained apart after breaking off settlement negotiations Saturday night.

Some 150 CIO checkers are involved directly in the dispute over whether a checker must be hired for each longshore gang and about 1,500 longshoremen have been idled.

Three Civilian Fliers Face Charge of "Buzzing"

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6.—(P)—Low flying and intentional "buzzing" of a Battle Ground, Wash., school yard has drawn charges against three civilian pilots of the area by CAA Inspector Ruggenberg.

The CAA official said Glen Cawley, Battle Ground, Wash., a student pilot, is charged with buzzing the school while children were in the yard and later diving within 25 feet of a farmer who was driving a tractor.

Robert Bialard, Portland, a student pilot, is charged with flying under the 500-foot minimum altitude, and Richard E. Poit, Brooks, with deliberately "buzzing" out of an overcast with a passenger while without parachutes.

Fines will be asked by the CAA, Ruggenberg said.

Merger Plan Held Doom of Marine Corps

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(P)—Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift came out fighting today to save his Marine Corps from the extinction he said is threatened for it in the pending Army-Navy merger bill.

The four-star Marine general contended that the Army "is determined to reduce the Marine Corps to a position of studied military ineffectiveness."

"And the merger bill in its present form makes this objective readily attainable," Vandegrift declared in testimony prepared for a closed session of the Senate Naval committee. The text of his statement was made available by the Navy.

A member of President Truman's informal council of military elder statesmen, the Marine Corps commandant underlined the reminder that "the Marines are ready."

"If it came to a fight today," he added, "I do not know who could replace them."

"At a time when the responsible heads of other services are complaining of disintegration of fighting power accompanied by problems of low morale and deterioration of discipline," Vandegrift declared, "I can assure you that these conditions are not existent in the Marine Corps."

"Affront" Charged
In sharper tones than either Secretary of the Navy Forrestal or Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz used in earlier appearances before the committee, Vandegrift contended that the War Department general staff has considered "the very existence of the Marine Corps . . . as a continuing affront."

"Even in advance of this proposed legislation," he continued, "it is seeking to reduce the sphere of the Marine Corps to certain

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Driver Accused After Car's Dive Kills Girl

BAKER, Ore., May 6.—(P)—Ella Eld, 16, of Vale was killed and four other occupants of an Army command car were injured Saturday when the car went off the sharp grade on a turn on the Oxbow road near Robinette, about 65 miles east of Baker. Hazel and Bernadine Heckathorne of Caldwell, Idaho, and Ralph Brown and Orville Brown of Vale were treated in a Baker hospital for injuries.

Orville Brown, the driver, was cited by state police officers for appearing in justice court May 15 on a charge of violating a basic rule of driving.

Man Killed, Wife Hurt in Crash Near Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., May 6.—(P)—Raymond Frank Koester, 29, of Walla Walla, Wash., was fatally injured and his wife, Katie Irene, 29, seriously injured Sunday when their car collided near Adams on the Oregon-Washington highway with a car occupied by Eunice Lillian Greer and Trula York, both of Weston, who escaped with minor injuries.

Guessers Win \$108,000 in Tanana River Ice Break-Up

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 6.—(P)—With a cracking roar, the ice in the Tanana River broke up at 4:40 P. M. Sunday, May 5, and holders and co-holders of four lucky guesses to the time of the break-up will share \$108,000 in cash.

Mike Johnson of Sitka, Alaska, was the only individual ticket holder. He will receive \$27,000.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



NEW BUSINESS IN MAKING—Pictured here is Wally's Grocery, on the Pacific Highway in Edenborow. Completed during the past winter, it has a large grocery floor, 900-locker capacity storage room, lunch counter and, soon, a meat market. And—don't forget, a doughnut machine!



FIVE CRITICALLY INJURED—Five Myrtle Creek residents, who were riding in the automobile pictured above, were critically injured Sunday morning in an automobile collision which took the lives of two Camas Valley youths. The pictured automobile belongs to Edward F. Brownie, Myrtle Creek. The collision, which killed two and sent seven other persons to the hospital, occurred at Kelley's Corner, four miles south of Roseburg.

Nation to Face 'Frightful' Situation if Dairy Products Policy Not Eased, Solon Says

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(P)—Economic Stabilizer Bowles testified today that the nation's economy "cannot stand a second round of wage increases" which might be encouraged by rising living costs.

Bowles, called as a witness in the inquiry by the House committee investigating food shortages into the butter situation, answered complaints about dairy products production with an outline of his consideration of the overall economic problem.

Chairman Pace (D-Ga.) told Bowles that unless the government adopts a different program for the dairy industry the milk and dairy products situation will be "frightful" this fall.

The Georgian criticized Bowles for increasing dairy subsidies instead of following a previous recommendation of the committee that subsidies be reduced gradually with corresponding increases in prices.

Bowles told Pace that "if you were in my shoes, dealing with overall problem, you might agree with me on some things."

Pace told a reporter "we intend to work out a program which not only will relieve present shortages, but establish the dairy industry on a sound, long-range basis."

The committee agreed upon several recommendations two months ago and submitted them to the Federal officials "but nothing has been done."

He added that Secretary Anderson and the committee "are in accord about what should be done, but the others are disregarding us."

Proposals Listed
The committee program included proposals that:

1. Butter, evaporated milk and casein ceiling prices be boosted.
2. Butterfat content of ice cream and milk be cut, without a corresponding price drop.
3. The price of dairy products be revised to include labor costs.
4. Dairy production subsidies be removed gradually with corresponding increases in price ceilings.
5. Anderson be given full control of production, prices and distribution of dairy products, instead of sharing it with OPA.

Hungry, Tired Cattleman Unable to Buy Beefsteak

HEREFORD, Tex., May 6.—(P)—L. B. Godwin, Hereford cattleman, came face to face with the hard facts of life. Tired and hungry after supervising the weighing and loading of 41 carloads of beefsteaks on the hoof weighing 1-142,170 pounds for shipment to the New York market, Godwin made the rounds of local restaurants and markets and found that he couldn't buy a beefsteak in town.

Highway Engineer C. B. McCulloch Dies



C. B. McCULLOCH

SALEM, May 6.—(P)—C. B. McCulloch, 58, assistant state highway engineer and one of America's best known bridge engineers, died of a heart attack at his home here today.

His fame spread over the entire continent, his greatest work being supervisor of bridge construction on the Inter-American Highway in Central America, and construction of the five beautiful bridges on the Oregon Coast highway.

McCulloch was to leave next Wednesday for El Salvador as supervisor of a large bridge project.

Russia Should Turn Back Seized Food, Hoover Says

TOKYO, May 6.—(P)—"The whole (world food) situation would be greatly helped," Herbert Hoover said today, "if Russia would release to China and Korea a part of the food stuffs they have secured in Manchuria."

The former United States president and chairman of President Truman's emergency famine committee made the assertion in a press conference statement which began:

"Japan must have some food imports. Without them, all Japan will be on a ration little better than that which the Germans gave to Buchenwald and Belsen concentration camps . . ."

"Aside from any Christian spirit, food imports are required if American boys here are not to be endangered by disorders and not to be involved in a sweep of epidemics that are inevitable from starvation."

CPA Approval Given for \$7,500 Garage Building

Approval has been given by the Civilian Production Administration to the Truck Sales & Service Co., Roseburg, for construction of a garage building, 30 by 110 feet. L. V. Hammock is owner. The building will have cement floor, wooden studding, aluminum sidewalls and roofing. Larry Collins, Vancouver, Wash., has contracted construction. Cost is estimated at \$7,500.

Camas Valley Boy and Girl Meet Death

Another Boy and Girl,
5 Myrtle Creek Residents
Brought to Hospital Here

Two Camas Valley youths, Jeanne Hubbard, 16, and Donald Milton, 17, were killed, and seven persons were hospitalized with serious injuries, as the result of a head-on automobile collision on the overhead crossing at Kelley's Corner, four miles south of Roseburg, at 2 A. M. Sunday.

The injured:

Robert Humphreys, 16, Camas Valley.
Gertrude Bollman, 14, Roseburg.
Halley Palmer, 38, Myrtle Creek.
Mrs. Palmer, 35, Myrtle Creek.
Edward F. Brownie, 26, Myrtle Creek.
Mrs. Brownie, 21, Myrtle Creek.
Terry Heller, 28, Myrtle Creek.

Police Seek Details
The five Myrtle Creek residents, all passengers in the automobile belonging to Edward Brownie, came to Douglas County recently from Port Angeles, Wash.

State police reported inability to date to learn details of the accident, as there were no witnesses and surviving victims are either unconscious or too seriously injured to undergo questioning. Police reported that from the completely demolished conditions of the two automobiles.

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Mrs. Bruno Mussolini, 2 British Soldiers Drown

MILAN, May 6.—(P)—The body of Bruno Mussolini's widow was recovered yesterday from Lake Como, where she drowned the previous night during a boating party with three British soldiers and another woman.

Police said the 30-year-old daughter-in-law of the former Duce drowned when the boat sprang a leak and sank in a deep section of the lake. Two members of the party were rescued by fishermen, but a British Army captain and an enlisted man were missing.

Bruno Mussolini, whose widow has been living in Como for the past two years, was killed in 1941 while testing a bomber.

Truman Asks Funds for Reduced-Sized Army

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(P)—President Truman today submitted to congress a program calling for expenditures by the War Department in the next fiscal year totaling \$7,246,335,200.

The President said the estimates contemplate maintenance of an Army of 1,500,000 men and officers on June 30, 1947. This would compare with 1,500,000 on June 30, 1946.

In addition to maintaining this strength the estimates provide \$50,000,000 for government and relief in occupied areas and \$200,000,000 for the atomic service formerly carried on by the Manhattan project.

Army Plane, 6 Men Aboard, Missing; 7th Bails Out

HELENA, Mont., May 6.—(P)—An Army C-45 plane with six men aboard was missing and presumed down on a flight from Billings, Mont., to Spokane, Wash., today and Army planes were scheduled to begin a search of western Montana and eastern Washington.

Seven men were on the plane when it left Billings, five of them, Sgt. Frank Davis of Youngstown, Ohio, hailed out near Williston, Mont., when he thought the plane was in danger of going down. Avry said it leveled off and flew on after he jumped.

Ex-Congressman Britten Of Illinois Passes Away

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(P)—Fred A. Britten, who as a Republican representative from Illinois became noted for his "big Navy" views, died at the nearby Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital Saturday night. He was 74.

Britten served in the House from 1913 until 1935. He was a foe of prohibition and was one of the small band of representatives who joined a few senators in voting against the resolution which in April, 1917, declared war on Germany.

Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Rasmussen

Safety injunctions for highway travel are almost as effective as the referee's instructions to a pair of present-day professional wrestlers.