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One Killed, Three Hurt in Truck Upset Wreck Occurs 15 Miles East Of Sutherlin

William E. Barron Death Victim; Wife, Two Others Brought to Hospital Here

One man was killed and three persons were seriously injured last night, when the pickup truck they were riding skidded and overturned on the Calapooia road, 15 miles east of Sutherlin.

The dead man was identified as William E. Barron, Fair Oaks, by County Coroner Harry C. Stearns. Taken to Mercy Hospital were Barron's wife and Mr. and Mrs. Harland Edward Barron.

The fatal accident occurred about 5 o'clock, Stearns said. The truck reportedly skidded while passing another vehicle, and rolled over an embankment. The two men were riding in back. Mrs. William Barron was reported at the wheel, with the other

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Rapist Carves Initials In Flesh of Victim's Leg

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A 30-year-old farm wife told Sheriff's officers last night she had been raped by an intruder who then tore off her clothes and carved initials in the flesh of her leg.

Deputy Sheriff Harold Beard said the first letter, crudely carved in the leg above the knee, was "either 'B' or 'G'." The second, he said, was an "M" or "W," and probably an "M." The third initial was an "E."

The woman told the deputies that the man came to the farm home on Willow Road, 10 miles southeast of Spokane, twice before but that once the family dog frightened him away and the other time she eluded him by running into the house and locking the door. This time, she said, he came to the house while her husband was away and was in the front room of the house before she saw him.

American Photographer Given Slav Prison Term

BELGRADE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Yugoslav military court has sentenced Rev. H. Stoeckel of Kearny, N. J., a former American soldier who crossed the frontier from Austria on a picture-taking trip, to four years in forced labor, the foreign ministry told the U. S. embassy yesterday.

The charges were crossing the frontier illegally for "purposes of espionage activities" and taking pictures of military positions and routes leading to the country across the frontier.

Stoeckel, 22-year-old civilian employee of the United States Army at Linz, Austria, has appealed the sentence to a higher military court and the ministry said the decision on the appeal would be announced in a few days.

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Fish Conservation Plans For Umpqua River To be Submitted to Game Board

Tributary Streams Closure, Reduced Salmon Take, Better Enforcement of Law Sought by Roseburg Rod-Gun Club

Measures to conserve fish life in the Umpqua river by closing tributary streams, reducing bag limit and season on Chinook salmon and securing better law enforcement were advocated by members of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club at a meeting held Friday night in the Knights of Pythias lodge hall.

Amos Stagg Quits as C. O. P. Coach to Aid Mentor-Son in East

STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg, at 84 the grand old man of American football, today resigned his football coaching post at the College of the Pacific rather than accept the less active position of "consultant in athletics."

Even as the college announced his resignation with fulsome expressions of regret and praise for his 14 years of coaching at COP, Stagg disclosed he had accepted an offer to become advisory coach at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pa.

It will be a father-son combination at Susquehanna, where Stagg will work with Amos, Jr., who is head football coach and professor of education at the Pennsylvania institution.

Ingram Gets New Boost For Idaho Coaching Job

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Orin E. (Babe) Hollingbery of Yakima, Wash., former Washington State College football coach, denied last night he had negotiated with University of Idaho officials for the grid post vacated there by the recent resignation of J. A. (Babe) Brown.

(At Wallace, Idaho, Gryo Club members joined with Spokane alumni in backing Mel Ingram for the Idaho coaching job. Ingram, now high school grid coach at Roseburg, Ore., formerly occupied a similar post at Wallace.)

Nuernberg Prison Head Removed by U. S. Army

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The U. S. army announced today that Col. Burton C. Andrus had been removed as commander of the Nuernberg prison and that it had revised security measures at the famous jail preparatory to the opening of new war crimes trials.

Andrus was commandant of the prison during the trial of the 21 top Nazi leaders and at the time Hermann Goering cheated the gallows by his eleventh-hour suicide.

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The carriers proposed increased rates with the announced purpose of getting revenue to offset, partially at least, increased wages and costs of materials and supplies.

The rail carriers' original proposal was for a general increase of 25 per cent but with numerous specific exemptions on which smaller increases were proposed. On June 20 the commission

Coal Strike Called Off by John L. Lewis

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Boys' Training School Crime Factory, Judge Says

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The boys' training school of Woodburn was described as a "crime factory" by Circuit Judge Walter L. Toole in a speech before the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

Declaring that boys "graduate" from Woodburn to the state penitentiary, Toole urged the sheriffs to support a proposed intermediary, farm institution to rehabilitate delinquent boys and provide facilities not available in the state at present.

He cited, as a good example, a Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory where 70 per cent of former inmates, after learning a trade, develop into respected citizens.

Three Plead Guilty to Charges, Await Sentences

Pleas of guilty to taking and using a pickup truck owned by the City of Reedsport November 21 were entered in Circuit Court Friday by James Edgar Ashe, alias James Edgar Stump, and Robert Lee Ashe, alias Robert Day Davis. Sentences were deferred by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly until a later date.

Charles Francis Bayne pleaded guilty to entering a rooming house at 320 W. Cass Street, Roseburg, November 8, and taking an overcoat belonging to James Ward, and money, cigars, hunting knife, and handkerchiefs belonging to Frank Palmer. Sentence on Bayne was also deferred.

Youth Sets Hotel Fires 'Just for Excitement'

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Information concerning the setting of three fires in the Centralia Hotel Building, four-story wooden structure in this city, was released yesterday with announcement that a juvenile was arrested in connection with the fires.

The fires were set on Nov. 27 and 28, about 12 hours apart. Almost all the rooms in the hotel were occupied at the time.

The youth was quoted as saying he set the fires "just for excitement."

'Big Train' in Hospital, Takes Turn for Worse

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Walter Johnson the 59-year-old former American League fireballer who has been gravely ill in a hospital since last April, took a "decided turn for the worse" today.

The release was reported by officials of the hospital where the "Big Train" has been under treatment for a brain tumor.

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Finally Finds Something To Buy in U. S.—'46 Car

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 7.—(AP)—V. G. Motwane, Hindu business man of Bombay, India, complained he couldn't "find anything to buy" on his current visit to the United States. But he didn't get much sympathy from Bloomington business friends.

He said that on his last trip here in 1933 "everybody had something to sell but this time I can't find anything to buy."

Representatives of a local oil heating equipment factory for which Motwane is an Indian distributor sympathized until the visitor told the one thing he was lucky enough to buy.

Famed 41st Division of Northwest Reactivated

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The famed 41st, the northwest's "Sunset Division," had reassumed its national guard status today. Two units of the division, inactivated last January in Japan, were activated at ceremonies here last night. Other units in Oregon and Washington will follow suit soon.

The units were the 162nd infantry regiment, commanded by Col. H. A. Taylor, McMinnville, and the 186th infantry regiment, commanded by Col. C. A. Fertig, Astoria. Both officers were in active service with the Sunset division.

Arrest Made in Traffic Death of Boy Bicyclist

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—State police yesterday arrested Joel Albert Dennis, 33, Rogue River, in connection with the traffic death of Kenneth Mayfield, 14, run down while riding a bicycle Wednesday night.

First Lumber Cut Made By North Myrtle Mill

North Myrtle Creek Lumber Co. mill, in process of construction for a number of months, made its first cut this week. The mill has a daily capacity of 60,000 feet. Rough lumber from the mill is trucked to Riddle for finishing in the Ivory Planing Mill.

Syrup Price Hike Granted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—OPA yesterday authorized producers to increase prices 10 per cent on most types of blended syrups and about 35 per cent on refiners' syrup.

French Sub With 23 Aboard Lost; Drifting British Sub Sought

TOULON, France, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Hope was abandoned today for 23 men trapped in the 250-ton French submarine 2326, believed sunk by a floating mine off Toulon, a spokesman for the ministry of armaments said.

French naval authorities said three high-ranking officers were aboard the craft, but names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

A storm last night halted rescue attempts to locate the submarine, two days overdue at Toulon, were resumed at dawn by naval and air craft. The submarine formerly belonged to the German navy.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Truant, an unmanned British submarine which had been sold for scrap, drifted off Eddystone light today after being abandoned by a tug in rough weather. Reporting the craft a danger to navigation, the admiralty sent naval vessels to search for it.

The Truant, built in 1939, sank the German cruiser Karlsruhe in Oslo fjord in 1940 and gained a reputation as the "adventure ship" during a two and a half year cruise in which she sent down more than 20 Axis ships.

Aviation Program Drawn For Oregon Legislature

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Proposals which will be presented to the next state legislature were completed at the Oregon State Aviation Council meeting here.

The program, varying from the original State Board of Aeronautics plan, was drafted by pilots, operators, commercial airlines, Civil Aeronautics Administration and League of Oregon City representatives and will have state board approval.

It recommends a \$500 fine or imprisonment for reckless or drunken flying; registration of all aircraft, opening of state engineering facilities to aviation interests. The council rejected state licensing of aircraft as a duplication of federal action, and turned down a proposal of Klamath Falls Mayor Edward Ostendorf to have municipalities retain the 4-cent gasoline tax now refunded to operators and pilots.

Coos Residents Among Injured in Bus Upset

EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Six of the nine persons injured when a southbound Greyhound bus overturned near here yesterday were from the Pacific Northwest. They were Mrs. Henrietta Sanders and her two children, Douglas and Shirley, of Coos Bay, Ore.; Mrs. W. G. Walrad of Newport, Ore.; Mrs. Joseph Case of Seattle, and A. M. Irwin of Wenatchee, Wash. None were seriously hurt.

'Rolled' Victim Says He Lost Money, Shoes

R. H. Riley, 50, reported the theft of his money and shoes to city police last night. He was charged with drunkenness and held in the city jail. This morning, police were seeking a pair of shoes for Riley to wear at his arraignment before City Recorder Geddes. Riley told police he had been "rolled" for his money in the vicinity of the Southern Pacific depot. When he regained consciousness, his shoes as well as his money were missing.

Salary Increases Slated For La Grande Employees

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The La Grande city commission was determining pay increase amounts today after passage of an ordinance authorizing raises to all city employees to compensate for rising costs.

The salary boosts will be retroactive to Nov. 1. The police and fire departments petitioned several weeks ago for blanket raises of \$25 a month.

Sugar Ration Increase Next April Promised

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TASTE OF HIS OWN MEN'S MEDICINE—J. W. Wallis (with striped tie), vice president of Hastings Clothing Store, one of the principal stores struck in general AFL walkout in Oakland, Calif., leaves Hastings escorted by M. A. Hildebrand, president of Local Retail Clerks Union (behind bag held by Wallis). Pickets of other unions, not recognizing Hildebrand, mobbed the two men and chased them three blocks before the union official was able to identify himself.

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Another 100 Persons Injured As 15-Story Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta Turns Into Inferno

Structure, Classed as Fire Resistant, Had no Outer Fire Escapes; Disaster Worst of Kind in History of Nation

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—(AP)—A mysterious pre-dawn fire which started in the upper floors today turned the 15-story Winecoff Hotel in downtown Atlanta into a roaring inferno, killing at least 114 persons and injuring another 100.

Several hours after the fire was brought under control at 7 A. M., firemen said they believed all bodies had been removed from the 194-room building located on Atlanta's famed Peachtree street in the heart of the theater district.

There were indications the death toll among the 285 guests might mount with a complete check of the emergency mortuaries established in various parts of the city. Already the toll was the worst in a hotel disaster in the nation's history.

Many of the guests leaped to their deaths from the flaming structure. Others were burned fatally or suffocated. A check of the building showed many rooms untouched by the flames, but others were charred. Firemen expressed belief many lives would have been saved had guests remained in these untouched rooms. The walls and floors of the building stood, but much of the woodwork and doors were charred. Some partitions were destroyed.

The building had recently been painted on the inside, and firemen expressed belief this might have aided the rapid spread of the flames.

No Outside Fire Escapes

Most of the guests were trapped above the third floor where the fire was believed to have started about 3:15 A. M. The brick and concrete building was constructed in 1913. It had no outside fire escapes. It was classed as fire resistant.

Bodies were found on every floor above the third. Those not in the direct path of the flames suffocated in their rooms.

There was no estimate of monetary loss to the building which was sold in 1943 for approximately \$650,000. Mrs. Annie Lee Irwin of Atlanta, the present owner, had it under lease to Arthur E.

Yugoslavia's Industries Facing Nationalization

BELGRADE, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A law nationalizing all private economic enterprises, public works and industries in Yugoslavia was passed unanimously Thursday by both houses of the National Assembly under the chairmanship of Premier Marshal Tito. It takes effect immediately.

Only the top men in the assembly knew the bill was to be presented under orders from Tito to give it top priority, legislative informants said.

The official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug says the nationalization includes "all movable and immovable property as well as all rights of ownership which belong to enterprise."

Fuel Cut Permit Offers Little Benefit to Oregon

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Oregon was expected today to benefit little from a department of interior order allowing collection of dead or down timber from public domain land to ease the fuel shortage.

Walter Horning, regional administrator of the Bureau of Land Management, said Oregon's 31 million acres of timbered public land was mostly inaccessible.

If any do want to collect the wood, though, he said, a field examiner must be notified in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Medford, Lakeview, Burns, Vale or Baker.

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Former WAC Freed in Slaying of Her Lover

RENO, Nev., Dec. 7.—(AP)—After nine hours of deliberation, a deadlocked jury in the murder trial of Mary Drew, Paterson, N. J., ex-WAC, was dismissed today by Judge William McKnight.

Jury Foreman Kenneth Tait reported the final ballot as 10 for acquittal and two for conviction. Elmer Drew, husband of the 31-year-old woman whom Defense Attorney Bert Goldwater described to the jury as "not a paragon of virtue," expressed confidence the charges that she slew her 28-year-old lover with a souvenir bayonet would be dismissed by noon today.

Mrs. Drew was arrested Sept. 25 in the death of former navy man William H. Appleton.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Rainsford

It's now appropriate to spell the last syllable just as it is pronounced: 'Produc-shun'.