

AUTO CRASH NEAR CANYONVILLE KILLS TWO

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Trojan Lumber Co. At Riddle Hit By \$100,000 Fire

Mill's Main Unit Burned; Planer Saved

Sullivan Re-Saw Plant Near Roseburg Suffers; Bland Mountain Ablaze

Flames swept through the Trojan Lumber company re-manufacturing plant at Riddle Saturday afternoon, while fire fighters from the Roseburg and Tri-City areas fought for more than eight hours to subdue them.

Cause of the fire was not learned here this morning, as telephone lines to Riddle were out of order.

H. C. Stokes, Jr., chief of Tri-City volunteer fire department, said he was informed by owners of the mill that the loss would approximate more than \$100,000.

Destroyed in the fire was the mill's main building, which included the edger and other equipment and a considerable amount of lumber. The planer and sorting shed was saved.

J. Paul Campbell, owner of the Trojan Lumber company, this morning said loss of the mill approximated \$100,000. Inventory loss was about \$8,000 or \$9,000, partially covered by insurance.

Two other mills suffered fire losses Saturday afternoon. The re-saw of the Sullivan and Son planing mill, north of Roseburg, was destroyed in a fire at 3:20 p. m., and a portion of the sawmill conveyor at the All Fire Lumber company, a few miles north of Myrtle Creek, was burned.

The Douglas Forest Protective association reported fighting all incendiary grass fires which spread into forest land on Bland mountain, on the Tiller Trail, yesterday afternoon and Sunday.

Roseburg Sends Aid
Equipment was dispatched to the Trojan Lumber company fire.

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Driver To Be Cited In Crash Near Sutherlin

A two-car accident a half mile south of Sutherlin Sunday damaged cars driven by Roger Lee Cornett, 17, Drain, and Mary Adaline Hall, 59, Sutherlin, according to Roseburg state police.

Mary Hall was taken to Mercy hospital, with a possible leg fracture. A passenger in her car, Addie Wood, 55, also of Sutherlin, was treated at Mercy hospital for severe cuts and facial lacerations.

State police officers said a complaint would be filed by Cornett, alleging failure to signal.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
An official commission in Washington has just made a momentous decision. It is the White House commission, its job was to decide whether to tear the old White House down and build a new one or to renovate the present structure.

It decided to RENOVATE.

THE commission has \$5,400,000 appropriated by congress, to work with. In a recent report, President Truman conceded that it might be cheaper to rebuild than to try to repair the ancient official home of our Presidents. However, he said, the American people would like to preserve the present building for sentimental and historic reasons.

He is right. It would cost us all

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40 TO 75 CENTS AN HOUR? Minimum Wage Boost Issue Plunges House In Second Big Labor Debate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The House waded today into its second big labor debate of the year. This one is on whether to hike the national minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75.

The Democratic party's campaign pledge of last fall to raise the minimum and broaden coverage of the 1938 wage-House act was up for redemption. It faced the same determined, well-organized foes as the still-unredeemed campaign pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley law.

Democratic leaders were backing a compromise bill introduced last week by Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.) of the house labor committee. Many southern Democrats and Republicans were lined up tentatively behind a measure sponsored by Rep. Lucas (D-Tx.), a labor committee member.

House members reported labor unions active in drumming up support for the compromise, but

said that representatives would not state their support of the measure in writing. It falls short of the original administration bill in its coverage of workers.

"The town is jumping with lobbyists on this thing," said one labor committee democrat. Major amendments on the wage section of the bill were to be offered by Rep. Sims (D.

The Weather
Fair and slightly warmer today and Tuesday.
Sunset today 7:26 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:11 a. m.

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Ecuador Quake Deaths Soar Above 4,600

Countless Thousands Of Persons Injured; Damage Estimated \$20 Million

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The unofficial death toll in earthquake-ravaged Ecuador soared above 4,600 today as damage estimates from some 29 mountain towns reached \$20,000,000. Countless thousands were reported hurt.

The Ecuadorian cabinet voted in emergency session last night to take immediate action on President Lasso's plans to rebuild the stricken areas—most populous in Ecuador.

The defense ministry said 2,000 troops were on duty in the worst hit zones and order was being maintained.

Communications were being restored slowly as the Ecuadorian air force ferried doctors, nurses and medical aid to thousands of injured.

Three U. S. Caribbean air command planes from Balboa took six tons of relief supplies to Quito yesterday. They included blood plasma, serums and drugs.

The president, back from a tour of the ravaged areas, said some of the scenes of suffering rivaled even the "most Danteque" imagination.

Four towns which virtually disappeared from the map were Guano, Patate, Pelileo and Pillaro.

Witnesses returning from Ambato, largest city to receive the full force of the shock, said the number of dead and injured undoubtedly had been underestimated.

Death Odor Terrible
These witnesses said the ravaged areas now is only a cemetery where the odor of death is almost unbearable.

They said the number of persons buried along the slopes of Tungurahua volcano may never be known. They reported that when the quakes struck masses

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1,400 New Polio Cases Reported

(By the Associated Press)
More than half again as many polio cases have broken out so far this year as during a similar period last year.

An Associated Press survey showed, however, that there are signs that the peak has passed in some of the hardest hit areas.

During the last four days of the week past—an AP state by state tally showed—1,400 new cases were reported.

This brought the 1949 total to 2,400 cases. The figure was more than half again as high as for the same period in 1948. That year was the second worst infantile paralysis year on record.

In Washington, D. C., the U. S. public health service said it noted evidence of a slackening of the upward pace in the country as a whole.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Attendance at Coney Island beach slumped more than 50 per cent yesterday—despite 90 degree plus temperatures.

The reason apparently was an outbreak of polio which health authorities have described as a mild epidemic of serious but not alarming proportions.

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BATTLE OVER VET'S INSURANCE—Mrs. Nettie W. Capps (left), Gold Star mother, sits in Salt Lake City jail, while her dead son's widow, Mrs. Maureen I. Stam (right) of Seaside, Calif., is "thrilled to hear" her former mother-in-law being punished in a court fight over Mrs. Capps' son's GI insurance. Mrs. Capps was jailed because she refused to obey a court order directing her to accept payments on her late son's policy and turn them over to his widow, Mrs. Stam is shown with Carolyn Capps, 6, one of three children by her former husband. Utah's governor received a flood of protests against the jailing of Mrs. Capps and urged a reprieve. The governor disclaimed power to reprieve in a case of contempt. (INEA Telephoto)

Trucker Killed By Load Tumble

R. J. Note, Shady, Ore., died this morning in a Canyonville doctor's office when a part of the load he was unloading fell off the truck at the Alcan Lumber company docks and pinned him to the ground.

Information phoned in this morning by Mrs. H. M. Anderson, Canyonville correspondent, stated that Note was releasing the binders on his truck when one log slipped and struck him to the ground. He died at 10:45.

Note was a driver for the McGrew Logging company of Medford.

No additional details were available.

San Francisco Bay Area Shaken By Earthquake

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A wide area around San Francisco Bay was shaken by an earthquake at 3:02 a. m. today.

The jolt rattled windows and dishes and awakened some people. No damage was reported.

University of California seismologists said the quake centered 18 miles from Berkeley.

Barkley Takes Her Out To Ball Game; Romance?

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—(AP)—With nothing like the secrecy attempted two weeks ago, Vice President Barkley turned up at a ball game yesterday with a very lovely and charming St. Louis widow.

Those are the adjectives he used with reference to Mrs. Carleton S. Hadley, while she stared straight ahead as they sat together in Owner Fred Saigh's box at Sportsman's park at the game between the Cardinals and Giants.

"Romance?" — He was asked, and he answered: "There have been rumors like that about me for the past year but that's as far as it's gotten."

The last time the vice president detoured his Washington-bound plane to St. Louis for a Sunday luncheon with Mrs. Hadley it was supposed to be "sort of secret," according to reports.

Yesterday they kept their date in front of some 29,000 persons.

DRUNK SENT TO JAIL
Morris Everett Roy, 42, Roseburg, pleaded guilty in Municipal court today to being drunk on a public street, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle.

He was committed to the city jail for 30 days in lieu of payment of a \$40 fine.

Montana Fire Battle Fought Against Wind

Hundreds Of Men Toil To Subdue Inferno That Has Claimed 13 Lives

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Wind sent flames boiling up Willow mountain this morning as weary men strained desperately to trap the mammoth "gates of the mountains" fire.

About 400 men worked throughout last night building fire lines to encircle the killer of 12 forest service parachutists and another fire fighter.

They hoped to complete the final three miles of fire line, bottling the wilderness area blaze on 7,500-foot Willow peak today. But westerly winds of 15 to 25 miles an hour drove rampaging flames rapidly towards the east slope and vast expanses of dense timber beyond.

The battlers were given a good chance to gain control during the day by a forest service observer who flew over the area. Bob Sternitz said that "it looks better this morning than at any other time."

The weather bureau predicted, moreover, that winds may increase to 25-35 miles an hour late today.

Two determined groups of men moved in from the flanks today against the fire which has blackened 5,000 to 6,000 acres since Friday and has a perimeter of 21 miles.

More Help Asked
Willow mountain is east of Mann gulch, where the lightning blaze started Friday. The fire has moved four miles east of where the Missouri river winds picturesquely through mountain peaks.

Calls for volunteers went out again yesterday. Forest service officials sent fresh men in to relieve those nearly exhausted on fire lines. They also built up a pool of manpower—in case the fire crosses Willow mountain.

The forest service has not sent any of its parachuting firefighters to the blaze since Friday—when the smokejumping program suffered its worst tragedy in its 10-year history.

Fifteen smokejumpers, mostly college students, were trapped by fire when the wind shifted suddenly after they were safely on the ground at Mann gulch. Only three escaped.

In addition to the 12 smokejumpers, the fire killed a prevention guard from nearby Canyon Ferry ranger station.

A helicopter brought the charred bodies to a Helena morgue

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Mrs. Hazel Martin, Ashland, F. J. Schneider, Grants Pass, Death Victims; Eight Injured

A head-on traffic collision 26 miles south of Roseburg early Sunday morning claimed the lives of two persons and injured eight others, three of them seriously, according to a report from Roseburg state police headquarters.

Three ambulances and a through-freight truck transported the dead and injured to hospitals in Myrtle Creek, Roseburg and Eugene.

Fatally injured were:
Mrs. Hazel Martin, 38, Ashland, who died Sunday in a Eugene hospital.
Francis Joe Schneider, 20, Grants Pass, who died at Roseburg's Mercy hospital Sunday evening.

Oregon Crashes Over Weekend Kill 11 Persons

(By the Associated Press)
Highway accidents in Oregon over the weekend claimed the lives of eleven persons.

Two of the mishaps caused triple deaths.

Killed yesterday when a car plunged off the South Santiam highway east of Lebanon were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan G. Marsh and Mrs. Bernard A. Blind, all of Bend. Mrs. Blind's husband and the four children of both families were in hospitals.

Blind crawled out of the 350-foot deep ravine into which the car plunged from a slippery road to summon aid. The Marsh children, Carolyn, four months, and Billy, age 6, were not listed as seriously hurt. The Blind youngsters were Elaine, age 4, and Wayne, age 6. Wayne was considered to be in critical condition with multiple head and body injuries, according to the Sweet Home hospital.

The other fatalities occurred Saturday.

Three men died when a truck went off a road near Swisham. The victims were Vernon Spink, 45, Phoenix, Ariz.; his son, Louis, 28, master of the Elmira Grange, and Owen P. Hedges, 37, Elmira. They were enroute home from a logging camp near Deadwood.

A two-car crash Saturday night killed John Gilligan, Portland, and injured his wife and six others in the car. At La Grande, motorcycleist Leon N. Gowins, 18, died when he collided with a truck near home.

Near Bonanza, a car driven by Billy W. Null, 17, Kingsburg, Calif., overturned on a curve and crushed to death Raymond Thoada, 16, Shafter, Calif. Among the six persons in the car were young companions from Bonanza and Merrill, Ore.

An overturned and burning gasoline trailer truck took the life of Warren R. Allen, 27, Baker, at a railroad crossing near Oxman. Rueben Sanders Jr., Chemawa, died in a two-car crash south of Milwaukie.

Jail Prisoners Halted In Act Of Sawing Bars
SALEM, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Four Marion county jail prisoners were thwarted yesterday in an attempt to saw their way to freedom.

One of the four was Edward Charles McEwen, 32, Lodi, Calif., held here on auto theft and wanted in Arizona for questioning in the slaying of a rancher in May. He is a former Arizona convict.

A passer-by heard the sound of the cell bars being sawed and notified the sheriff's office. Sheriff Denver Young said the men were guarding a trusty and working on two window bars. He guessed they might have cut through the bars in another 30 minutes.

Tolo Rural School Burns, Two Homes Damaged
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The Tolo rural school was burned down and two homes damaged late Saturday in a brush and scrub fire that scorched 300 acres north of here.

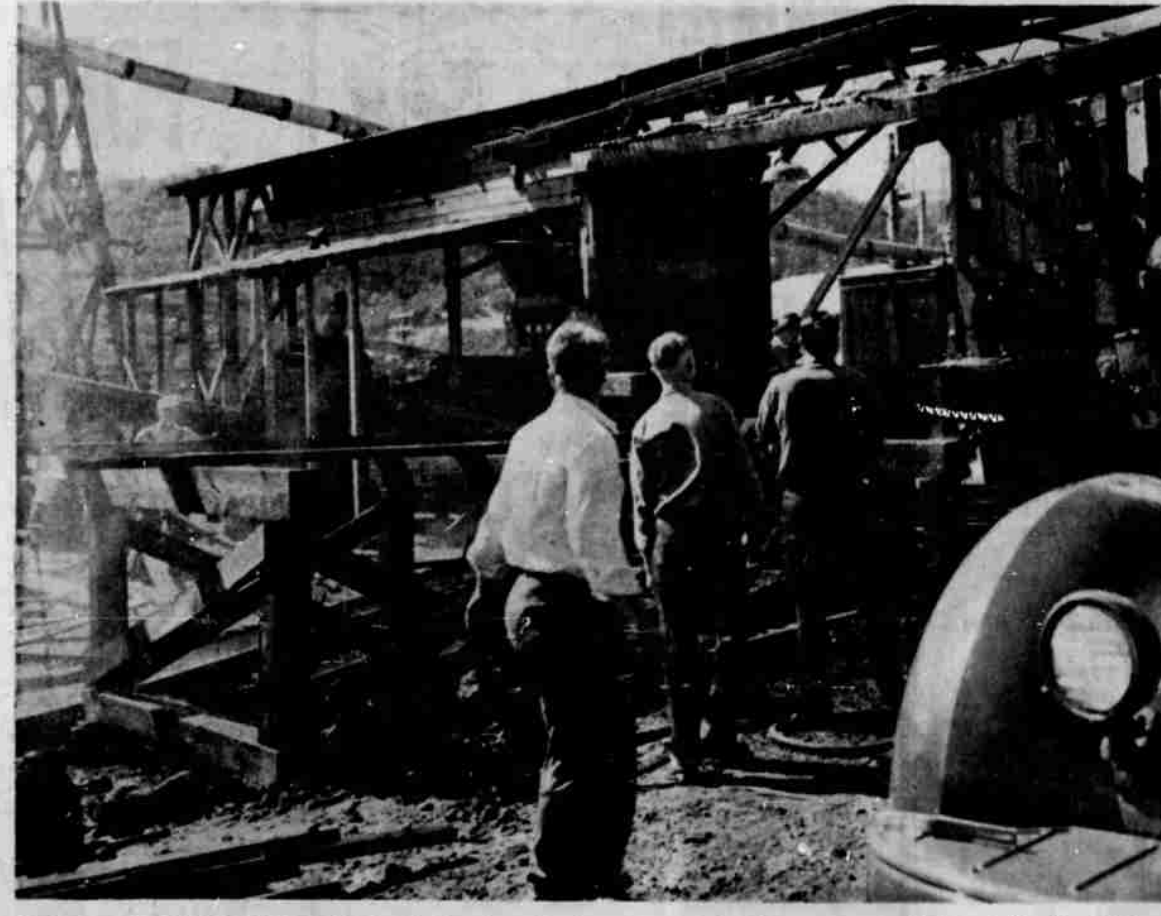
Crews brought the fire under control early Sunday, but not until power lines into Gold Beach and Rogue river were disrupted and highway 99 traffic slowed to a halt because of billowing smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fulton, whose home burned, were overcome by the smoke but were revived.

Plum Pit In Windpipe Suffocates Youth
ESCALANTE, Utah, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Five-year-old Lowell Harvey Liston suffocated Saturday when a plum pit lodged in his windpipe.

The boy was crossing a street while eating plums.

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGED
William Jacob Davis, 54, Sutherlin, was arrested near Rice hill on highway 99 and will be arraigned in Justice court today on charges of drunken driving, according to Roseburg state police headquarters.



FLAMES DESTROY RE-SAWER AT MILL—The Roseburg fire department and volunteers were called to Sullivan's mill, located north of Roseburg on the highway, Saturday afternoon, where a brisk wind reportedly carried sparks from the burner, along the sawdust-covered ground, to the re-sawer. Above, the re-sawer is shown in its burned state. Estimated damage has not yet been set. Firemen mill about the structure, making certain the last spark is out. (Staff photo.)

Laughing Religion Sect Is Launched In Japan

MAEBASHI, Japan, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A new sect known as the laughing religion has been founded here.

Its founder is Mein Zuko, whose name means "beautiful clouds and sacred sunbeam."

Zuko said the main tenet of the sect is laughter on the theory one can laugh if he lives right.

FREEZING AT BEND
PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Summer? Not at all; it was freezing today at Bend.

The mercury there dropped to 32 degrees early this morning. Baker and Klamath Falls recorded lows of 42.

A cool air mass moving in from the ocean accounted for the lower temperatures, and increased humidity through the state. It was a welcome respite to fire-alert foresters.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Rebenstein

Congress, all in a dither over the situation in Asia, is at loss for a future policy but declares that "something must be done." This recalls what Mark Twain said about the weather.