

# 80 KILLED IN AIRLINER'S CRASH

## WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



**JOHN MORGAN, left, and DIZ BURNETTE** are co-managers of the Senior class play "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay." The lucky stiffs! I discovered that the cast includes some of the school's easiest-to-look-at girls. Just what the young men think they manage is anybody's guess. Maybe the girls—but anyone knows better than that; it just would be too big a job for any two fellows to handle. The play is to be given in the Senior High auditorium March 31.

## Master Warrant System To Cut Interest Adopted By City

Use of the master warrant system of financing city expenditures was announced today by William Bollman, Roseburg city recorder, who said the legislature authorization allowing such a move had proven to be "very satisfactory."

According to S. B. 385, enacted by the 1949 state legislature, Oregon cities are authorized to issue master warrants for short term loans at a low rate of interest to cover the period when most cities run short of funds. Bollman believes Roseburg is one of the first cities in the state to take advantage of the new act.

The new system replaces the former practice of issuing individual warrants to cover such expenses as payrolls and other city-incurred bills. Previously, these warrants were discounted at the bank and a fairly high rate of interest was charged. Under the new act, Roseburg borrowed \$26,500 from Nov. 15, 1949 to Feb. 10, at which time the principal and \$111.63 interest was repaid from tax money collected by the city. Interest rate was 2 1/2 percent. The master warrant is not subject to a bank discount.

## In the Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**

LATE the other afternoon, just as the press was about ready to roll, our teletype paused dramatically, stuttered, choked and then began to chatter excitedly. The gist of its chattering was the crashed flying saucer, with its pint-size, wierd-headed, other-world, dead pilot which a Los Angeles man had allegedly seen near Mexico City.

We all read the teletype's mutterings, swallowed a time or two and found our mouths a little dry. Then, just as somebody was starting out to stop the press, the evasive AP killed the story, but later reinstated it and the radios went to town with it and the next morning's Portland and San Francisco papers printed it under kid-like headlines with cute little sketches by their comic artists.

All in all, we afternoon paper people felt that we had been done in the eye again.

IN the office where I work, we have a probably reprehensible habit of gathering around for a spot of coffee at mid-morning and that day, as you can imagine, the latest

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## Belgium Votes To Restore King

**(By The Associated Press)**

A shade more than 55 percent of Belgium's voters came out yesterday in favor of restoring exiled King Leopold to his throne, but the margin was so slim observers feared a political crisis if pro-monarchists tried to follow through.

Leopold, who lost his crown for surrendering to the Nazis in world War II, skinned through with 57 percent of the vote in yesterday's referendum. He had said he would abdicate if he got less than 55 percent.

The question was far from settled, however. The referendum was only an advisory vote. Parliament still must decide if Leopold may return from exile. The key question at the moment appeared to be whether the liberals would join the pro-Leopoldist Social Christians (Catholics) in asking parliament to rescind its ban on the king's return from Switzerland.

## SLAYER'S TRIAL OPENS

**COLFAX, Wash., March 13.—(AP)—**Wayne Odell of Steptoe was to go on trial today for the slaying of Harold Rogers, Winona wheat rancher. He has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Rogers was killed in the bedroom of his daughter when he answered her early morning screams for help last December.

## FASHIONS, SPORTS, DANCE

### All's Ready For Spring Opening In Business Zone Here Wednesday Night

A variety of stunts, displays and shows will be offered visitors to Roseburg's business section Wednesday night, when local merchants pool their resources to give this area its latest Spring Opening. And the best of it is, everything is free.

First show event, starting at 7 p.m., is Lawson's log chopping contest. Led by Babe Fenton, Sutherland and Douglas county champion, contestants will make the chips fly with one of Lawson's shock-proof wrist watches strapped to each axe handle. To any contestant whose watch stops running during the event, Lawson will award a duplicate. To the log chopping winner, goes a 17-jewel timepiece. The event will be held at the intersection of Jackson and Cass.

Miller's hair styling and fashion show will begin at 7:15 and the Mabel Lewis fashion show at 8 p.m. Also slated for 8 o'clock is the fashion show for men, held at Joe Richard's Men's store.

The Roseburg fire department will give a first aid and life saving demonstration, spiced with a comic act, at the corner of Washington and Jackson streets beginning at 8:30.

And at 9:30 at the armory, Local

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**The Weather**  
Cloudy with rain today. Showers tonight and tomorrow. Sunset today 6:17 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:29 a. m.

# The News-Review

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## Hoover Board's Economy Plans Given To Congress

### Crash Of Cars Sends 2 Men To Hospital

**Collision Occurs North Of Oakland; Truck Hits Man At N. Dillard Bridge**

A head-on crash of two automobiles on highway 99, about eight miles north of Oakland, injured two Roseburg men at 6:45 this morning, according to a report received by State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb.

George Lund Jr., and Francis Leslie Cannon were taken to a Eugene hospital with undetermined injuries after the car in which they were riding was struck by a car driven by Nils Albert Norman, Eugene. Norman and two other Eugene men, Hans Holm and Pete Larsen, passengers in his car, were uninjured.

Norman, traveling south, attempted to pass a truck at mile post 174, and struck the Lund vehicle. Sgt. Holcomb said the Lund car is a total wreck and the Norman auto is badly damaged.

Raymond Olson, a member of a State Highway department survey crew, was injured at the north Dillard bridge about 8:30 this morning when struck by a logging truck operated by Jerome Patrick Klea, Winston, Sgt. Holcomb reported.

Olson was taken with undetermined injuries to Mercy hospital, where he is reported "resting satisfactorily." According to the state police report, Olson was standing at the northwest corner of the bridge doing survey work when the truck approached from the north. The truck driver put on his brakes and the trailer broke loose from the tractor and caught Olson between it and the bridge railing. Olson jumped or was thrown over the side of the railing to the river bed, 20 feet below. He has not been questioned concerning the accident so it was not yet known whether he jumped in trying to escape or was hurled off the bridge.

The truck driver was not held. State police are still investigating the accident, Holcomb said.

### Truman Requests Abolition Of Maritime Agency, Office Of NLRB Counsel Denham

**WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—**President Truman today sent Congress a sheaf of plans to reorganize a long list of federal agencies and abolish one—the Maritime commission.

Seaboard congressmen and shipping interests were expected to fight the proposal to shift control of the merchant fleet over to Secretary of Commerce Sawyer.

### White Friends Of Slain Negro Band To Seek Justice

**HOUSTON, Tex., March 13.—(AP)—**Thirty-five white friends of a slain Negro handyman have banded together "to see that justice is done."

Carter Boyd, 34, disabled veteran and father of eight children (a ninth is on the way) was shot to death by a white man Saturday night. The shooting occurred after a collision between his parked car and the car of two white couples.

Yesterday 35 white friends of Boyd, residents of a swanky Houston section, met to (1) "see that justice is done," (2) to do something to help Boyd's expectant widow, Callie Mae, and (3) to do something "about special deputy constables carrying pistols."

Wash J. Howard, 25, a special deputy constable and a University of Houston student, was charged with murder.

The 35 citizens signed a petition to district attorney A. C. Winborn: "We, the undersigned, wish to testify to the personal character of... he was always cheerful and peaceable, and his integrity was beyond question.

"We... wish to go on record as being willing and ready to aid in any manner the complete fulfillment of justice in this case."

## Excise Tax Cut 'Quickie' Voted Down

### Republican Move Fails In Committee; Truman Goal May Be Exceeded

**WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—**The House Ways and Means committee rejected today a new Republican effort to ram through a "quickie" bill slashing excise taxes immediately by about \$1,000,000,000.

The rigid party line vote was 15 to 10.

The Democrats, however, gave some ground, trying at the same time to head off a veto if excise cutting goes beyond the limits set by President Truman. They pressed through the committee, on a similar party vote, a resolution saying the committee will:

1. Approve excise slashes, perhaps far beyond the \$655,000,000 the President has requested. Some members privately are estimating the excise cut will be around \$1,000,000,000.
2. Try to replace the lost revenue "by closing loopholes in existing tax laws, by strict enforcement against tax evaders, and, if necessary, such other tax changes as may be deemed feasible."

### Truman Lives In Princely Fashion

**WASHINGTON, March 13.—(AP)—**President Truman is on his way to Key West Fla., for a vacation he hopes will last the full three weeks scheduled.

Mr. Truman is aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg, which he boarded in Washington.

Along with other matters the vacation President left behind in Washington was a summons by Rep. Woodruff (R-Mich.) of Mr. Truman as "one of the best, if not the best paid man in the world today."

Woodruff calculated in a statement that: "A private citizen, to match the standard of living now enjoyed by the President, would need an income of between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 a year."

Woodruff began with the presidential salary of \$100,000, plus an additional \$50,000 tax free allowance. He figured that even after \$40,000 in taxes, Mr. Truman still has take-home pay of \$110,000 a year.

To round out his estimates, Woodruff included: planes, 35 automobiles, the yacht Williamsburg, a private railroad car and vacation retreats in Key West and in Maryland. He added various other White House expenses, and travel money.

### 19 Churches Unite In Relief Fund Project

**NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—**More than 100,000 Protestant and orthodox congregations throughout the United States took up special collections yesterday to support church relief work abroad.

Congregations joining in the special offering—called the "one great hour of sharing"—have a total of nearly 25,000,000 members.

A 9-month planning drive preceded yesterday's nationwide appeal.

No reports on the amounts donated were available immediately.

Among uses to which the money will be put are resettlement of displaced persons, missionary work in Asia and Europe, distribution of food and clothing, expansion of medical and educational facilities, and aid to refugees.

The relief funds of 19 participating denominations will receive the proceeds of the offering.

### Quarrel Followed By Fatal Auto Accident

**EUGENE, March 13.—(AP)—**Mrs. Ava McDaniels, 32, of the Jasper area, died in an auto accident Saturday evening after she ran away from a party following a quarrel with a friend, the Lane county coroner's office reported.

Deputy Coroner Fred Buell said Mrs. McDaniels and a friend, Dale Blighton, were having a party with another couple at the latter's home. After the couple left Blighton and Mrs. McDaniels quarreled, Buell said.

She ran out of the house, jumped into Blighton's car and started down a steep gravel road. Members of the party found the car overturned on a bank, a short time later, and Mrs. McDaniels was pinned beneath.

### Smugglers Out On Bail Caught Repeating Crime

**MIAMI, Fla., March 13.—(AP)—**Two men awaiting sentence for smuggling aliens into this country were caught yesterday doing it again.

They readily admitted guilt, said acting chief border patrol Inspector Donald R. Kelley who described them as the "nerviest smugglers I ever encountered."

He identified them as Gaylor Saxton, 26, and Charles Cramton, 27, both of whom came here about a year ago from Grand Rapids, Mich.

They were picked up, Kelly said, after flying two Chinese nationals in from Cuba.

Ten days ago, Saxton and Cramton pleaded guilty in federal court to flying 19 aliens to Miami from Cuba last fall. They were freed on \$1,000 bonds pending a pre-sentence investigation.

At their earlier arrest, they bragged openly of their prowess. They boasted that their planes were parked only a few feet from the border patrol's hangar space.

### Freak Blast Of Gas Cloud Kills Woman, Burns 2 Men

**MARTINEZ, Calif., March 13.—(AP)—**A freak explosion of a cloud of low-hanging gas killed a woman and seriously burned two men yesterday.

The blast occurred over the highway along the east shore of San Francisco bay at nearby Olsum. Highway patrolman Gordon Campbell said the gas apparently escaped from an overhead pipe carrying waste from an oil refinery to a dump.

Three automobiles caught fire after the explosion. The blast was believed set off by exhaust sparks from a car or an ignition spark.

Mrs. Ursula Adams of Alameda, Calif., was killed. Pvt. Burnett Hale, 21, and John Esta of Berkeley, Calif., were burned.

### City Manager Slankard Weds California Woman

**GRANTS PASS, March 13.—(AP)—**Marion W. Slankard, 41, city manager of Roseburg the past three years, and Gwen E. Drake, 39, Los Angeles, were married here Saturday.

They were married at a friend's home here by the Rev. Homer D. Kimmel and left immediately for a honeymoon trip along the Oregon coast.

They plan to return to Roseburg Wednesday.

### Federal Engineer Perishes In Cold

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—**A searcher said today that two California engineers, missing since Friday, were found today—one of them dead, the other in "bad shape."

A. B. Ribbeck, 38, chief of the Federal Reclamation bureau engineering office at Sacramento, Calif., was reported dead from exposure and exhaustion.

His companion, Rudy Simonson, 26, Weed, Calif., was reported in bad shape.

The two men had left here in their car Friday morning on an inspection trip of reclamation work in the Klamath basin.

H. W. Thomson, Sacramento, superintendent of the bureau's transmission lines, who was working with search parties, reported this morning that the men were found in a shepherd's cabin on an old lookout road in California, about 70 miles south of here.

The men's car had bogged down on the road, the report said. They apparently struggled to the cabin in heavy snow and below-freezing temperatures.

### "Ball Of Fire" In Sky Sighted In Amity Area

**AMITY, Ore., March 13.—(AP)—**Residents here reported a "ball of fire" in the sky last night. There was still no explanation of the reports today.

State police reported about 100 persons claimed they sighted the bright object hovering at a seemingly low altitude northeast of here. A. A. Anderson said it appeared orange-colored and moved slowly to the northeast. "It was too large to be an aircraft light and moved too slowly; there was no engine noise," he said.

He said it appeared to speed up a few minutes and then disappeared.

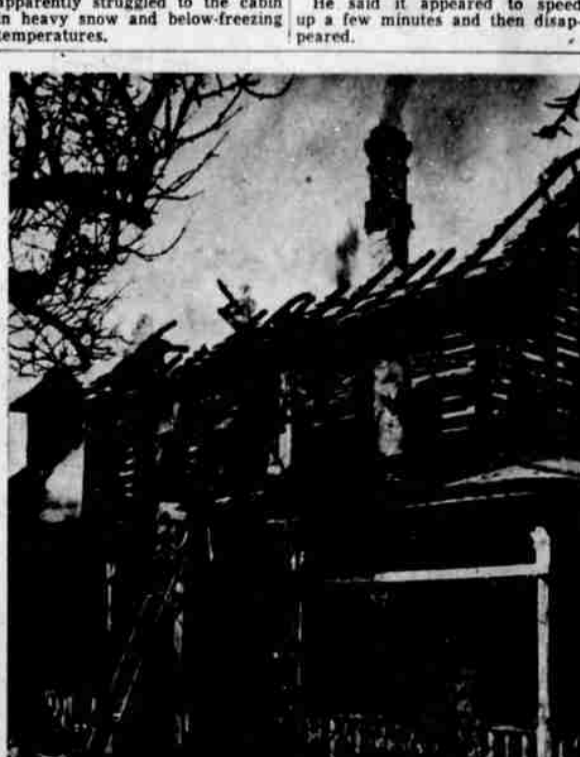
### Cross Burned In Front Of Judge's Residence

**NEW YORK, March 13.—(AP)—**Federal Judge J. Waties Waring says the burning of a cross outside his Charleston, S. C., home was not the work of pranksters as officers declared, but an example of the "savagery of southern white supremacists."

Waring and his wife have been under attack in some sections of the south because of their outspoken racial views.

The Waringes are in New York, where the judge presently is presiding in this district's term of court.

A small cross, crudely constructed with KKK scratched on the base, was burned Saturday night in front of the Waring home.



**FIREMEN** were called to this rural home on Keasey road Sunday forenoon when a spark settled on roof and set the two-story structure afire. Hampered by lack of water, firemen were on the job more than two hours. Damage in an undetermined amount was inflicted to the house. The occupant, A. E. Koop, lost approximately \$250 in bedroom furniture. The house was insured. Owner of the structure is Mrs. W. Hayden Fiske of Portland and formerly of Roseburg. (Master Studio photo).

## Only 3 Survive Disaster That Hits Welsh Football Fans In Midst Of Victory Celebration

**CARDIFF, Wales, March 13.—(AP)—**Eighty persons died here yesterday in the crash of a chartered Tudor airliner packed with Welsh football fans celebrating a victory over the Irish. It was aviation's worst commercial plane disaster.

British aviation experts, headed personally by Minister of Aviation Lord Pakenham, began an inquiry here today into the latest accident involving the unlucky Tudor ships. The crash came as the giant plane was landing on a return flight from Dublin.

Of the 78 passengers and five crewmen aboard, only three survived. It brought the toll of deaths in Tudor planes—Britain's first postwar four-engined commercial aircraft—to 144.

Tired but happy rugby football enthusiasts aboard had traveled by plane and train to Belfast to see Wales down Ireland, 6-2, in the United Kingdom championships. After a night of celebrating in Dublin, they were returning home by their chartered aircraft.

The big four-engined plane appeared to be touching down at Llandow airport near here for a normal landing in sunny weather when, without warning, it roared back into a climb. It smashed to earth in a field after making a right-hand turn and sideslipping.

The huge plane crashed 15 yards from a house. It did not explode or burn.

**Many Of Dead Miners**

Two of the three survivors, brothers-in-law, walked out of the wreckage unaided and virtually unscathed. They had been sitting side by side in the tail of the plane.

The third survivor was critically hurt.

There were five women aboard, one was the plane's stewardess. All were killed.

Most of the dead were coal miners, scheduled to return to the pits last night. They had scraped and saved for months to get the money for the trip.

The Tudor line of planes was developed from the wartime Lancaster bomber at a cost of \$11,000,000 (\$44,800,000 before devaluation).

In February, 1947, three defects were found in the Tudor during trials. In August a trial plane crashed, killing four persons. The September the British Overseas Airways Corp. rejected it for passenger service.

An inquiry in 1948 vindicated the Tudor. Less than three weeks later a Tudor IV, the Star Tiger, disappeared off Bermuda with 31 people on board. A year later another Tudor IV, the Star Ariel, disappeared on a flight to Jamaica with 28 persons aboard.



**KILLS IN MERCY**—Held on a homicide charge, Harold Mohr (above), 36, it in jail at Allentown, Pa., after he yielded to the persistent pleadings of his blind, cancer-ridden brother and killed him with a rifle bullet in their home at nearby Coplay. The victim, Walter Mohr, had suffered from cancer of the face for the past six years. Friends of Harold are raising a fund for his defense. (NEA telephoto)

### Youths Jailed On Larceny Charges

**State Police Sgt. Holly Holcomb** today announced the arrest of two Douglas county youths on petty larceny charged during routine investigation of a recent mill fire.

Holcomb said state police officers were investigating a fire at the DeGnath, Corder and Corder sawmill, located two miles west of Tennile on the Olalla and Berry creek road. During the investigation, officers came across evidence relating to recent thefts in the Tennile-Olalla area, involving Theodore Lincoln Hammond, 18, of Tennile and Willow, Calif., and Albert Carl Shattenkirch, 19, of Brockway.

State police said Hammond has admitted taking tools, gasoline and equipment from mills and various vehicles and implicated Shattenkirch in a signed confession. Officers have recovered a partial list of the stolen articles, including a rifle stolen in the Rice creek area.

The youths are currently lodged in the county jail.

In the reference to the mill fire, investigating officers said there was "no evidence" indicating the fire was accidental. The mill has been closed since late in November and has not operated since that time. Police are still investigating the blaze which inflicted approximately \$3,000 worth of damage to the premises.

### Racing Auto's Flying Wheel Kills Spectator

**WALL TOWNSHIP, N. J., March 13.—(AP)—**A wheel torn from a "hot rod" racing car smashed into a crowd of spectators yesterday and killed a 17-year-old youth.

The wheel also injured another boy. Some 1,500 persons were watching the race at the Monmouth county airport raceway.

The hot rod driver, John Chapman, 23, of Metedeconk, told state police his racer had blown two tires, throwing the vehicle into a spin.

Seventeen-year-old Albert A. Jester of Avon died in an ambulance from injuries suffered when struck by the wheel. Henry Fee, 15, also of Avon, was hospitalized with a neck injury.

Chapman was held in \$2,500 bail pending a hearing today on charges of causing death by auto.

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## Levity Fact Rant

**By L. F. Retznietz**

The oral duel between senators and the State department over the charge that the latter employs either Communists or their sympathizers may be described succinctly as follows: Designated, castigated, investigated, fumigated.