

Auto Collision Kills Ex-Grid Star, 2 Others

LONGVIEW, Wash. — (AP) — A former University of Washington football center and two other persons were killed early today in a head-on automobile collision on the Pacific highway two miles south of Castle Rock.

The state patrol said the dead were Henry Wentworth, 47, Vancouver, Wash., a member of the

university football team in 1928-29-30, his wife, Paula, 38, and Mrs. Jack Morse, 30, Kelso.

Michael J. Delaney, 21, Longview, driver of the second car involved in the accident, was critically injured, the patrol said. He suffered head injuries, compound jaw fractures, extensive bruises, cuts and shock.

Investigators said Wentworth and his wife were riding in one of the cars, while Mrs. Morse was a passenger with Delaney.

Noted Writer Addresses Roseburg Writers' Club

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

Members of the Roseburg Writers' club were privileged Tuesday evening to meet Mrs. Frances Holstrom, a noted Oregon poet, and to hear her read selections from her latest book of poems, "Oregon Mist." Mrs. Holstrom, who makes her home in Coquille, has for the past week been a guest of Mrs. T. W. Dunwoodie of Roseburg. By special invitation, she appeared as guest speaker before the Writers' club. The meeting was held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Houck.

"Oregon Mist," a publication of Binford and Mort in Portland, is the gray-haired, gray-eyed little grandmother's third book of poems. Proceeding this volume were "Western Windows" and "Rich Lady," both of which proved to be favorites to poetry lovers. And what do critics think of her work? Here is one comment: "No other poet ever has recaptured so vividly the quiet grandeur and gentle charm of the Oregon country."

But lest some aspiring lyric-maker thinks the road to success is an easy one, Mrs. Holstrom has a story to offer.

For years she wrote for the love of writing—not knowing whether her poems were of any literary value. "It just bubbled up in my soul and had to find expression," she said. Her first encouragement came when she wrote a poem dedicated to successful author. It was so generously received that she took heart and set to work in earnest. Her first major triumph came when one of her poems was accepted and published by the Ladies' Home Journal. A stepping-stone, to be sure, but this in no way paved the road to success. "The struggle was long and hard," Mrs. Holstrom recalled. "I used to mail the poems out in batches, and have them returned in batches—with an acceptance only now and then."

In those days life in general wasn't easy either. A former school teacher (at one time she tutored in Douglas county — on Schofield creek) Mrs. Holstrom had abandoned her career for marriage. Her husband, the late Charles Holstrom, was a locomotive and donkey engineer in a logging camp. Many problems evolved as they moved from camp to camp, and the knowledge gathered from life in the woods is reflected in many of her works.

Life became more "joyfully complicated" with the arrival of four little Holstroms. The family had purchased a dairy and berry farm in Coquille, and here in what might have been a lonely, dreary outpost for some, Mrs. Holstrom found beauty. Who but a genius could have found inspiration over an old-fashioned rub-board? And yet, Mrs. Holstrom wrote about the "beauty of the rainbow bubbles in the tubs of dirty clothes."

A lengthy feature story concerning the now famous author appeared in the magazine section of the Oct. 7 issue of the Portland Journal. An excerpt follows:

"In 1947 came an honor unusual in the annals of Oregon literature. One of Frances Holstrom's poems was quoted in an address by a United States senator and entered into the congressional records. "It was the 55th anniversary of Wendell Wilkie's birth—more than

two years after his death—when Senator Wayne Morse delivered in New York a speech commemorating the anniversary. This speech subsequently was entered in the congressional record. It is entitled "Wendell Wilkie—One of the Great Ones."

"To give poetic eloquence to his tribute to a man he considered one of the outstanding leaders of the Republican party, Morse chose his title from the poem, "The Great Ones," by Frances Holstrom of Coquille, and concluded his address by quoting it.

Oregon's CIO Chooses Staff Of Officers

PORTLAND — (AP) — Kenneth R. Smith of Portland will be the new president of the state CIO.

Smith, president of the Portland industrial union council, defeated Lyman Wax, Willamina, in a mail ballot, union officials announced yesterday.

John Brost, who held the post for five successive terms, refused to be a candidate when nominations were made at the CIO's state convention at Astoria in September.

Re-elected vice-president was Jess Bell, Portland. He was opposed by Del Winkler, of the Port-

land rubber workers. Bell is secretary of the Portland CIO council.

George Brown was re-elected secretary.

Members of the executive board: District 1—William Baker, woodworkers, Wauna, and Willis Carver, woodworkers, Tillamook; district 2 — Hal Geiger, woodworkers, Klamath Falls; district 3 — Jerry Turner, transport service employes, Portland, and Eugene Tucker, woodworkers, Portland; district 4 — John Ball, woodworkers, Lebanon.



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80 Traffic Violations Parole Youth To Mamma

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A 17-year-old motorist was cited for 80 different traffic violations after a 20-minute chase by a police car.

The youth, Richard S. Bowden, was taken into custody nine days after the chase. He was released to his mother, Mrs. Louise Bowden.

Officer R. P. Hotchkiss said that for simplification, the four score charges, including speeding, running stop lights and failing to halt for a police car, will be combined into one charge of reckless driving.

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