

# HIT-RUN DEATH CAR DRIVER GETS 8 YEARS

## The News-Review

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### I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



**MRS. GILBERT DIXON** as she studied a chart at her desk in the waiting room of Bruce Tuck, Roseburg optometrist, preparatory to copying the information contained thereon. At least that's what I took for granted she was doing, and if it turns out it was something else entirely I hope she doesn't tell you about it.

### Horticulturist Dated For Talk In Roseburg

All gardeners of Douglas County, both vegetable and flower growers, are invited to hear Dr. John Hadley, well-known Seattle horticulturist, at 2 o'clock Wednesday in the Roseburg Woman's Club clubhouse on W. Mosher Street. Dr. Hadley is being sponsored by the Garden Department of the Woman's Club. There will be no charge and all persons interested are invited.

### X-RAY UNIT SCHEDULE

The mobile chest X-ray units will observe the following schedule Wednesday.

Dixonville Community Hall, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Roseburg, Western Battery Corp., 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Lookingglass Store, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Riversdale School, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Roseburg, Pennes Store, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Glide Store, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What's the pattern? What's the purpose? Only the Kremlin knows. But—if you'll get out your map (or, preferably, your globe) you can make a pattern of your own. It will look something like this:

A large part of our present (Continued on Page 4)

### The Weather

Cloudy with occasional rain today. Showers Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any Jan.	77
Lowest temp. for any Jan.	-6
Highest temp. last 24 hours	52
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	41
Precip. last 24 hours	41
Precip. from Jan. 1	5.29
Precip. from Sept. 1	25.70
Excess	7.85

Sunset today, 5:21 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:32 a.m.

### Copco Engineer Gets 1951 Award



John C. Boyle, above, vice-president and general manager of the California Oregon Power Company, has been selected as the outstanding engineer of Oregon in 1951. His work in hydroelectric power development, particularly in connection with Copco's North Umpqua project, was one of the primary factors leading to the award, made by the Professional Engineers of Oregon at their annual banquet in Portland Saturday.

### Falling Limb Injures Ted Coy Of Route 2

Ted Coy of Route 2, Box 287, has been admitted to Douglas Community Hospital with injuries suffered when struck by a "widow maker" (broken limb sustained in a treetop) Monday. He was employed by Cook Lumber Co. Coy suffered a fractured right leg, and minor injury to the right arm and laceration about the temple.

## Blizzard Increases Misery Of Ohio's Flood Refugees

### Flood Drives Thousands From Homes

**Intense Cold Covers Streets, Roads With Ice; Death Toll Reaches 9**

MARIETTA, O. — Blizzard snow and ice joined the widespread flood crest of the muddy Ohio River Tuesday to plague 8,000 to 10,000 refugees in Ohio and West Virginia.

The blizzard-like snow struck at Pomeroy and Middleport, O., to the south before midday. Bitter cold temperatures made roads and streets a maze of ice.

The crest of the marauding Ohio—cut down somewhat by the cold—rolled toward Parkersburg, W. Va., Tuesday morning and headed toward a midnight date with Pomeroy and Middleport.

Two thousand persons are homeless there as these two Ohio towns awaited the full blow of the flood crest. Three or four hundred other persons climbed to higher ground at Parkersburg.

### Death Toll At Nine

Nine are dead from a series of floods spearheaded by the Ohio in three states.

Many other thousands have been affected—either with water in basements or first floors or with blocked roads and streets that kept them from work. Subfreezing cold made life still more miserable.

The punishing crest flowed slowly through Marietta at 10 a.m. It measured 43.75 feet, shy of the 44.47 feet predicted by U.S. Army Engineers and U.S. Weather Bureau.

Far downstream, from Portsmouth, O., west to the Mississippi River, residents along the Ohio had some hope that the cold weather would soften the blow of the oncoming flood crest.

The U.S. Weather Bureau at Cincinnati revised flood crests downward two to three feet from Portsmouth west.

### BATHING SUIT

### She Wore That After Theft But 'Twas Enough

LOS ANGELES — When a woman says "I haven't a thing to wear," she's usually stretching the truth.

But June Bright wasn't kidding when she told that to police Monday.

Miss Bright, 25, a model and wife of Disc Jockey Gene Norman, showed up at the station in a brief, black satin bathing suit and told this story:

She was moving to a new home and wore only the bathing suit while packing in 76-degree weather. She put her entire wardrobe, \$4,000 worth, in her car. Then she donned a coat, drove with friends to a cafe and went in to eat. When she came out the wardrobe was gone.

Officers were sympathetic, but were inclined to agree with a detective who remarked of the shapely blonde:

"She doesn't need anything but a bathing suit."

## EMPHASIS ON LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

### Douglas County's Agricultural Potentialities Told By County Agent Parker; Processing Plant Top Need

A four-point program for realization of Douglas County's agricultural potentialities was emphasized Monday by J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent.

He spoke before members of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in the Umpqua Hotel on the "Future Potential of Douglas County Agriculture" during a forum luncheon.

In his outline for agricultural growth in the county, the agent saw need for the following:

1. More livestock as a potential income source.
2. An enlargement of the poultry industry, especially on small tracts.
3. Crops for processing—snap beans—and eventual construction of a processing plant.
4. Better utilization of natural resources.

Parker said Douglas County was one of the few areas in the United States where grazing land was primarily adapted to livestock, sheep in particular. He explained that the long grazing period and the lack of overhead expense were ideal for livestock raising.

"For sheep raising there is little need for feeders, and the open lands permit year-around pasture feeding," he said. "Often it is possible to winter animals without supplemental feed."

"There is now a deficiency in Oregon poultry products, and yet one third of the egg crop is being shipped out of the state. An enlargement of the industry in the county would not only benefit those persons living on the small acreage, it would also aid the entire area," the speaker noted.

"Processing Plan Needed"

Another primary requisite for realizing the fullest potentiality from the county's agricultural industry is a centrally located processing plant for truck farm products, Parker explained.

By way of emphasis, he stated that in 1951 there were 104 acres of snap beans in the county producing 12 tons per acre, about four tons higher than the national average.

"But," he said, "for processing the product had to be shipped to Salem, which means considerable reduction in revenue."

Farm woodlots were the next item examined by the speaker.

He said that in 1951 a rough estimate reveals that about 750,000 were realized from poles, logs and cordwood taken from small farmer-owned tracts, and yet the potential is far from reached.

"Some areas will remain adaptable only to the raising of timber," Parker said. "But it works in well with an intensified livestock program, because it would provide additional revenue to stockmen from land that is unfit for grazing because of its steepness."

### A. A. Eckhardt No. 5 In Contest For Sheriff



A. A. (Red) Eckhardt, a Douglas County deputy sheriff for more than four years, resigned Monday and filed for the Republican nomination for sheriff.

Eckhardt, whose address is Rt. 4 Box 254, pledged "Prompt investigation day or night and 100 percent cooperation with all law enforcement agencies."

Eckhardt started with the county sheriff's office as a resident deputy at Reedsport. He later was transferred to Roseburg, where he worked as chief deputy until his resignation.

His other police services includes work with the Pinkerton Detective Agency in San Francisco doing patrol and investigative work.

He was a special police officer for a time at the Indian Reservation at Chiloquin, Oregon, and held a special commission from the San Francisco police department.

He moved to Douglas County in 1946, purchasing a ranch at Melrose. With ranch work as a sideline, Eckhardt worked with Roseburg Lumber Company, later with System Freight Company and for a while was manager of the Roseburg office of Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight.

Backing up his campaign pledge, Eckhardt said Monday that "if all the law enforcement agencies will work together they'll double—and I'll venture to say even triple—their efficiency."

Eckhardt is the fifth person to file for nomination in the May 16 primary elections for the sheriff's office.

Others include Vernon Pouncey, Calvin Baird, Alvin Hughes and O. T. Carter, incumbent.

### Jail Stretch Extended For Fleeing Custody

Ernest I. Addington, 27, released Sunday from the State Penitentiary, has another six months to go in the Douglas County jail for escaping from police custody in '24-9.

District Judge A. J. Geddes pronounced the sentence Monday.

Addington escaped Aug. 28, 1949 as a jail trustee and was later given a penitentiary sentence on a Jackson County conviction for larceny of livestock.

### Lumber Fall Deals Death To Trucker

### Earl Victor Stratford Crushed In Accident At Myrtle Creek Plant

Earl Victor Stratford, 36, Camas Valley Star route, Box 600, died enroute to Myrtle Creek Hospital Monday morning, from injuries suffered when a pile of lumber fell on him.

Chief of Police Orville Corbett of Myrtle Creek said the accident occurred at the Engle and Worth Lumber Company, located on the North Myrtle Road at the Myrtle Creek city limits.

Stratford, who had been hauling lumber for O. E. White of Dillard, reportedly had backed his truck under a pile of lumber that was being held up by jacks, Corbett reported.

The jacks, which normally are supposed to be knocked out of place to allow the lumber to settle in the truck bed when it is properly backed in, did not fall, according to the report. Stratford apparently crawled under the pile of lumber to determine the trouble when the pile crashed down on him.

Investigation was made by Officer Earl Corbett of the Myrtle Creek force, assisted by Jerry Mylenbeck, municipal judge. Deputy coroner Clyde Marriott of Glendale also investigated.

The Myrtle Creek police department received the call from the mill at 9:55 a.m. The mill was not in operation but three employees were there.

### Son Escapes Injury

When the officers arrived, R. Butolph of Myrtle Creek, who witnessed the accident, was attempting to move the pile of 4x12 lumber off Stratford. He was being assisted by Virgil C. Barber.

Stratford was alive when rescued but died enroute to the hospital.

David, pre-school age son of Stratford, was in the cab of the truck when the accident occurred. He was not injured.

Leaves Family of Six

The body was taken to Ganz Mortuary at Myrtle Creek, then removed to Long & Orr Mortuary at Roseburg.

Stratford was born March 3, 1916, at Highland Park, Ill. He was married to Laverne Welch at Henderson, Ky. Aug. 9, 1937. They moved to the Winston community from California about eight years ago. He was operator of the Earl E. Stratford Trucking Co. of Winston. He was a member and served as an elder in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Roseburg.

Surviving are the widow; five children, Thomas John, 8, Joseph 7, David, 6, Laurel Jean, 4, and Susanne, 2, all of the Winston community; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stratford; three brothers, Alfred, Leonard and John, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Koopman and Mrs. Leslie Kempke, all of Highland Park, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Thursday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. W. A. Sylvester officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow in Civil Bend Cemetery, Long & Orr Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.



**HE'S SORRY** — James B. Phillips, 21, admitted driver of the car involved in the hit-run accident south of Myrtle Creek, that killed Paul Van Osten, 5 is pictured before his arraignment Monday afternoon in Circuit Court. With him is Deputy Sheriff W. I. Worrall. Judge Carl E. Wimberly sentenced Phillips to a total of eight years on two charges and fined him a total of \$6,000. (Staff Picture)

## J. B. Phillips Pleads Guilty To Homicide

### Court Adds \$6,000 Fines For Blow That Killed 5-Year Paul Van Osten

"I'm sorry—it's just what drinking can do."

That was the statement Monday of James B. Phillips, of Riddle, 21-year-old driver of the car involved in the hit-run accident in which 5-year-old Paul Van Osten of Myrtle Creek was fatally injured.

Phillips received near-maximum sentences Monday afternoon in Circuit Court after pleading guilty to charges of negligent homicide and leaving the scene of the accident.

Judge Carl E. Wimberly gave him three years and a fine of \$2,000 on the negligent homicide charge, and another five years and a \$4,000 fine for failure to stop.

The sentences were pronounced just short of two days after the accident and just 22 hours after Phillips had confessed his involvement to officers.

On the verge of tears, the thin defendant, married and the father of a 3-year-old girl, admitted in court that he had been "drinking all day" on the day of the tragedy.

He denied, however, that he was "drunk."

Young Paul, of Myrtle Creek, died of internal injuries Sunday morning, some 18 hours after he was struck by Phillips' vehicle.

Under the law, the maximum penalty for negligent homicide is three years and \$2,500 fine; for leaving the scene of accident it's five years and \$5,000 fine.

Judge Wimberly said the \$6,000 total in fines could be worked off in lieu of payment at the rate of \$20 per day.

"A person might as well shoot a rifle up and down the highway as to drive while he has been drinking," commented Judge Wimberly before passing sentence. "One is just as dangerous as the other."

"I don't understand why anybody is fool enough to try to drive an automobile on the highway while they're drunk," the judge said.

Asked if he wished to make a statement before sentence was passed, Phillips answered, "I'm just too nervous to talk. I guess."

Questioned following the sentencing, District Attorney Robert B. Davis commented:

"This case is a prime example of what we have been talking about in our safety meetings. It points up the necessity of immediate action on the part of all people to curb the threat on our highways."

The fatality is the second since the safety committee's "Death Row" display in downtown Roseburg last Nov. 10. It is the first this year.

The north-bound Phillips vehicle swerved clear across the highway Saturday to hit the youth walking with a companion alongside the highway, two miles south of Myrtle Creek. They were going to a nearby store at the time.

## Probe Of Justice Dept., And Atty. Gen. McGrath's Office, Authorized By House Group

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## Egypt Riot Dead Up To 67; Fire Loss Enormous

CAIRO, Egypt — Five more bodies were found in the ruins of the British Hotel Tuesday, high police sources said, bringing to at least 67 the total dead in Saturday's rioting and burning by mobs.

Fire brigades still played hoses on smoldering ruins of some fires. Flames still were flaring from Sheppard's.

Business sources estimated the fire losses at more than 100 million pounds or 288 million dollars.

Leading newspapers meanwhile underlined the view that Egypt's new Premier Aly Maher Pasha will keep majority support in Parliament only if he follows up the old government's widely popular drive to oust British troops from the Suez and united the Sudan with Egypt.

Al Misri, paper of the Wafd Party, said the Wafd majority which dominates Parliament will decide its future attitude toward Maher Pasha's military government "in the light of Egypt's national demands."

Former Roseburg Police Chief Given Burns Job

BURNS — Lloyd Larsen, former police chief at Roseburg, has been chosen from a list of five applicants as a new police chief here. He will succeed Walter Lipscombe, who is leaving to take over a ranch in Idaho.

Larsen will take over the post Feb. 1. He was an officer at Coquille before taking the Roseburg job.

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## Two More Held In Stolen Check Investigation

Two more Roseburg men are held for investigation in the "commission" cashing of check blanks stolen from Fir Manufacturing Company, reports Assistant Chief of Police James McAlpine.

Russel Joseph Alex, 32, arrested in Coquille Monday on a Douglas County warrant charging him with burglary not in a dwelling, Alex was returned to Roseburg by city and state police for questioning in connection with the blank check robbery.

He is being held in the County jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Also held in jail on a similar charge is Hershel James Black, 39, who was arrested earlier on a drunk charge, McAlpine said.

Saturday, Frank David Jones, 22, was arrested on Jackson St. minutes after he had cashed one of the checks for \$132. He said that he had been hired to cash the checks on a 25 per cent commission, police said.

Merchants are asked to be on the alert for Firmsco checks numbered 7256 through 7309 and endorsed by R. L. Bronson, a forged name.

Chief of Police Ted Mazac reported that the city check "flash" system was not completed Saturday after one of the men had been reported arrested. Later the \$132 check was cashed.

He urged merchants to complete their calls as soon as they are notified of a bad check passer.

## Doukhorob Hall Razed By Arson-Type Blaze

NELSON, B. C. — A fire started with gasoline-soaked sacks Monday night destroyed an Orthodox Doukhorob community hall at Brilliant, B. C.

Royal Canadian Mounted police were investigating the fire, first suspected work of Sons of Freedom terrorists since late summer.

## Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Our top banner story in today's issue again emphasizes that occasionally read admonition: "If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink."