

# Accident Halts N. Umpqua Road Blasting

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### Harbisons' Bodies Taken From Lake

#### Double Funeral Dated For Roseburg Pair Who Died On Fishing Jaunt

The bodies of John Reed Harbison, 39, and his wife, Mildred Paalen, 35, of Roseburg, Route 3, Box 1110, Melrose, were recovered from Tenmile Lake Thursday afternoon. No details of the recovery are available, but the bodies are being brought to Roseburg by the Roseburg Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harbison, members of an evening fishing party on the lake, were drowned Saturday when they failed to make shore after their boat filled with water. Time of their death was established at 9:45 p.m. Standard time.

With the Harbisons were Mr. and Mrs. K. Lane Miller Matthews of 1293 Ball St., Roseburg, who managed to swim ashore.

The couples reportedly were returning from fishing when the boat filled with water. Both couples jumped into the water, holding air cushions. The Matthews began to swim in one direction and the Harbisons in another. The Matthews were in the water about two hours, swimming clear across the lake in the darkness to the opposite shore.

Funeral Services Set

Double funeral services will be held in the Chapel of The Roses, Roseburg Funeral Home, Sunday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m., DST, with the Rev. Raymond Schaeffer of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery.

Request of friends has been made that persons who wish contribute money gifts for the three daughters of the Harbisons rather than to bring floral offerings.

The gifts may be sent to Mrs. K. L. Matthews, 1293 Ball St., Mrs. Kenneth Ellison, 450 Ella, or the Roseburg Funeral Home.

John Reed Harbison was born May 20, 1913, in Lexington, Okla., and came with his family to Roseburg.

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### Dispute Settled At Fir Mfg. Mill At Myrtle Creek

The plywood plant of Fir Manufacturing Co. at Myrtle Creek, closed since July 24 by a labor dispute, will resume operations Sunday, it was announced today.

Spokesmen for Myrtle Creek Local 2713, Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL), and the management announced that "misunderstandings had been cleared up."

About 350 workers in the plywood plant were idled by the dispute over working conditions.

The plywood division will reopen at 11 p.m. Sunday, when the graveyard shift goes to work.

Settlement of union claims that the grievance clause in their contract had been violated followed lengthy negotiation sessions in which the union called its top international officers from Portland headquarters.

The shutdown was touched off July 24 by a dispute over patch-cutting operations. It climaxed a long series of union and management differences over working conditions.

### Dowager Queen Entrants Filed

Nominations have been made for seven ladies for Dowager Queen of the Douglas County Centennial, it was announced today.

Names of the candidates will be announced later. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. today.

Members of the Centennial Parade Committee and section chairmen will meet Monday noon at the Umpqua Hotel to discuss the forthcoming Centennial Parade Aug. 30, Chairman Robert Bellows announced today.

Elementary school-age youngsters will meet Monday at 11 a.m. at the Junior High School in the first meeting to organize a children's dance group for the Centennial Pageant.

Ralph Patterson dance director for the Umpqua Cavalcade, said he needs some 250 to 300 youngsters for the dance scene in the "Indian Episode" and other sections of the five-part cavalcade.

The meeting Monday will be for youngsters, both boys and girls, who had signed up earlier to take part in the dance scene. Other grammar school age children interested in participating in the dance scenes were also asked to attend Monday's meeting.

Some of the youngsters will also participate as pioneer children in dances in other episodes of the pageant. They will portray pioneer children.

Tire Blowout Causes Collision; Man Hurt

Blowout of a rear tire on the panel delivery truck of J. S. Morberg, operator of the Little River Store, forced his vehicle into the path of another operated by Mrs. Crystal Freeman, owner of the Red Barn, Thursday morning.

Bill Johnson, a cook at the Red Barn and a passenger with Mrs. Freeman, suffered a cut below the knee. The others were not injured.

Morberg's vehicle was badly damaged, according to the report. After striking the Freeman automobile, his car went into the ditch and turned over. Mrs. Freeman's car, a panel delivery, was damaged to a lesser degree.

With Morberg was his son J. S. Jr.

The accident occurred at 11 a.m., five miles west of Glide on the North Umpqua Highway.

### U.S. May Pay Farmers For Killing Diseased Hogs

WASHINGTON — The government may pay farmers for hogs slaughtered in the campaign to wipe out the disease Vesicular Exanthema.

This disease is similar to foot and mouth disease but does not affect cattle, sheep or humans. Its spread has resulted in a quarantine being clamped on all of California and parts of 15 other states.

An Agriculture Department spokesman said late Thursday the matter of indemnities was under consideration but a decision may be a long way off.

The spokesman said such a program would have to be carried out in cooperation with the states affected.

Department experts said there is no known treatment or cure for the virus. Underway now is a program to halt spread of the disease.

### Ship Radio Operators Strike Is Settled

SAN FRANCISCO — Peace settles over Pacific Coast ports Friday in the wake of a short-lived strike by CIO radio operators Thursday.

Pickets were removed from in front of about 14 West Coast-owned ships after the American Radio Association and the companies reached a tentative agreement in a dispute over operation of radio-telephone equipment aboard.

The radio operators had demanded either they be given full working control of the phones or that the equipment be taken off vessels.

TWO DENY DRUNK DRIVING

Two men Thursday pleaded innocent in district court to drunk driving charges.

They are James Russell Fox, 28, and George Allingham Truman, 44, Portland. Bail was set at \$600 on each man.

## Roseburg Mother Seeks Lost Girl

### Disappears From Camp At Gladstone

#### Margaret Salyer, 14, Feared Tragedy Victim In Suspected Attack

Search continued today for the 13-year-old daughter of a Roseburg woman who has been missing since Saturday from a Seventh-Day Adventist camp meeting at Gladstone near Oregon City.

Gladstone Police Chief Clarence Moore identified the missing girl as Margaret Salyer, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Rucker, 1808 Ellen Ave., Roseburg.

Recently the girl has been making her home with her grandmother, Lula Curtis, at Grants Pass.

An alarm for the girl has been widely broadcast through police networks of the state.

The girl's mother arrived at Gladstone Thursday to assist in the search.

Miss Salyer was last seen talking to two young men at the camp grounds, according to a news dispatcher.

Elder Lloyd Biggs, president of the Seventh-Day Adventist conference, said the case of the missing girl was "extremely serious" and that he fears foul play.

"I'm afraid she's been possibly murdered in resisting an attack," said Police Chief Moore.

Law enforcement officials said the hunt for the girl would be intensified today.

Another incident, the alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl, which occurred during the camp session, may not be related to the case of the missing girl, said Clackamas County District Attorney Winston Bradshaw.

Sheriff's deputies left Oregon City this morning to go to Walla Walla, Wash., to pick up two youths for questioning in the rape case.

Warrants for the arrest of Paul Lutter, 18, Pullman, Wash., and Dale Taylor, 19, Dallas, Ore., were issued by Bradshaw.

### Liquor Store Prowler Gets Two Years In Prison

A 52-year-old Bend man who police arrested July 8 just after he broke into the liquor store in Roseburg, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Carl Wimberly Thursday to two years in the State Penitentiary.

He is James Arthur Wallas who had previously pleaded guilty to burglary not in a dwelling.

Harry Oscar Christen, 26, Canyonville, was given probation on his one-year-sentence imposed after he pleaded guilty to larceny by bailie.

### Roy Cox Of State Police Resigns For Store Job

Roy Cox, a member of the State Police force in Roseburg for the last year and a half, has resigned to accept a job as manager of the camera department of JC Sport-ling Goods, it was announced today.

Replacing Cox here will be Robert Cooley, who recently completed the State Police training course at Corvallis.

## Mel Venter Gang Arrives To Boost Centennial With Melody, Mirth, Broadcast

The Breakfast Club Gang with Mel Venter arrived in Roseburg this morning by chartered bus — too late for breakfast but in time for the special Centennial show this afternoon at 2:30.

Venter and his group have been scheduled to appear officially at three Centennial functions, known as Queen's Events.

They are holding today's broadcast at the Junior High School; the princess talent and beauty contest this evening at 8 in the Junior High School; and the Queen's Ball Saturday night starting at 9 at Kennedy's Dutch Mill.

Here with Mel Venter's group of some 15 persons are several familiar to regular Breakfast Club radio listeners. Pretty Polly, the show's singing star and her mother, known to Breakfast Club listeners as Aimee, are both here, along with Sweeney, the club's sound-gag-recipe man all in one.

The group will put on a special "veterans Hospital show shortly after this afternoon's Centennial show at the Junior High School.

Individual members of the Venter group have accepted a number



HUMAN DECOY — Marine Pfc. Henry Friday (left) of Nekoosa, Wis., walks down a trench at a forward observation post of the 1st Marine Division on Korean western front while T-Sgt. John W. Boinnott, who grew up in hills of Kentucky, a Leatherneck sniper, prepares to fire at an enemy sniper. This was Friday's last run as decoy to allow Boinnott to pick off enemy snipers. Their company commander, hearing of the system, put a stop to it shortly after this picture was made. (U.S. Navy Photo via AP Wirephoto)

### Solons To Tour Foreign Bases To 'Save Money'

WASHINGTON — Sen. Long (D-La.) and Morse (R-Ore.) plan to leave next Tuesday on a 25,000-mile tour of U. S. overseas air-bases.

Their goal is to find ways of saving the taxpayers millions of dollars on costs of foreign bases.

"I'm convinced from testimony taken by congressional committees that we are spending too much on some of these bases," Long told a reporter Thursday.

Long and Morse are members of a Senate Preparedness subcommittee which criticized wastes and extravagance in the construction of multi-million dollar airbases in North Africa and Greenland during the recent session of Congress.

Long was chairman of a Senate subcommittee which handled the defense construction bill and got the Senate to cut nearly 700 million dollars from a three billion dollar defense projects appropriation.

The two Senators, with a small staff of experts, plan to be gone a month to six weeks with stops at Greenland, North Africa, Iceland, European bases and other locations still listed as top secret. Long said most of the trip would be made in military airplanes.

### Four Vehicles Collide Following Truck Skid

Four vehicles collided Thursday afternoon when a gas truck skidded on wet pavement into the path of an oncoming Pacific Greyhound bus carrying 27 passengers.

No one was injured. State police said the accident occurred about 4:15 p.m. one and one-half miles south of Sutherlin.

The truck, driven by Wesley Jennings Ashworth, 1115 Wharton St., skidded on the slippery pavement as it was rounding a curve. This placed it in the path of the bus, operated by Donald Lee Bryant, Medford. The two vehicles collided.

When the bus stopped a second gas truck behind it halted and was struck from the rear by a car operated by LeRoy Sifers, Oakland. The second truck was driven by Edgar Hugh Vielsemeier, Roseburg.

### Worker's Death Bases \$125,000 Damage Suit

Damages of \$125,000 are asked of Upco Logging Co. in the caterpillar accident that brought death to George Ihorn of Myrtle Creek last Dec. 1.

The suit, one of the largest of its kind locally, was filed in Circuit Court by the widow, Barbara Ihorn, and her three children: George Jr., Barbara Penny and John.

Six counts of negligence are charged against the company.

The accident occurred, the complaint states, when Ihorn was unloading a caterpillar from a low-boy truck and the car rolled over on top of him. He died later that morning of injuries received in the accident, which occurred on logging operations at Rocky Butte, some 40 miles east of Myrtle Creek.

### Pet Snake In His Auto Costs Motorist \$119

NORTH KINGSTON, R.I. — Thomas E. Hurley's pet snake stuck his head out of the glove compartment of his car and it cost Hurley \$119.

Hurley was so startled he lost control of his car and hit another owned by Robert H. Eilen.

Eilen in district court Thursday was awarded \$119 damages in his negligence suit against Hurley.

### New Petitions Filed To Recall Drain J.P.

New petitions for the recall of Clarence Leonard, Drain Justice of Peace, have been presented to the office of County Clerk Roy Agee.

Agee said today that he is in the process of checking names on the petitions. If sufficient names are obtained and if the district attorney passed on their legality, the petitions will be filed, he said.

Total of 182 qualified names are required to put the measure on the ballot for the November election.

Petitions previously presented were declared illegal as they had not been properly notarized, the district attorney ruled.

### Christian Men's Group Organized

An organizational meeting will be held tonight for the Christian Businessmen's Committee being formed in Roseburg.

Julian DeRock of Portland, national chairman of the organization, will attend a dinner meeting of the group at 6:30 p.m. at Carl's Haven to help the Roseburg committee with organizational details.

Sixteen Roseburg businessmen and pastors are expected to attend the session.

The Christian Businessmen's Committee has been organized to help combat juvenile crime and to promote other worthy causes.

It is a non-denominational group and all businessmen in the Roseburg area are welcome to join, it was announced.

### St. George's Episcopal Church Gets New Cross

A new cross now stands on the top of St. George's Episcopal Church at Main and Cass streets.

Purchased by the congregation, the new cross is covered with gold leaf. It replaces an older one, which was painted gold.

Workmen replaced the old cross with the new one Wednesday.

### NOTED BUILDER DIES

NEW ORLEANS — Andrew Jackson Higgins, 65 famed builder of beach landing craft during World War II, died Friday.

### AUTO LARCENY CHARGED

John C. Neal, 27, Sutherlin, was lodged in the county jail on a larceny of auto charge, Sheriff O. T. Carter reported today.

### Old Baldy Crest Retaken; Three Red Jets Bagged

SEOUL, Korea — The U.S. Fifth Air Force said United Nations pilots shot down three Communist jets and damaged two over North Korea Friday as clearing weather brought renewed intensity to the war.

The U. S. Eighth Army said bayonet-wielding Allied infantrymen recaptured the crest of Old Baldy hill in a bloody eight-hour fight on the Western Front.

Planes from a flight of 32 U.S. Sabre jets battled elements of more than 60 MIGs for more than 10 minutes near the Korea-Manchuria border.

Allied losses, if any, were not reported.

In Tokyo, Gen. O. P. Weyland, commanding general of the U.S. Far East Air Forces, announced the addition of about 75 sleek F-84 Thunderjet fighter-bombers to UN air strength for action over Korea.

A monthly Air Force summary reported that the Communists lost 32 planes in July, the United Nations, 19.

Supported by fighter bombers and artillery fire, Allied doughboys stormed Old Baldy from two sides Thursday night. By dawn Friday, they had forced an estimated 200 Chinese Reds down its mud-caked slopes and immediately began digging in.

### Controls Ending Hikes Installment Buying

WASHINGTON — The lifting of controls on installment buying last May 7 has pushed credit business to a new high. The biggest time payment boom was in autos.

The Federal Reserve Board announced Thursday that installment buying during June jumped 593 million dollars on top of a 447 million rise in May.

The total debt of installment buyers on June 30 stood at \$13,767,000,000, better than the previous record of \$13,510,000,000 set during the heavy Christmas buying last December.

### State Hospitals' Cost For Patients Boosted

SALEM — The charge for care in the state hospitals at Salem and Pendleton and at Fairview Home for Feeble-Minded Persons boosted Thursday from \$67 a month to \$72.

The Board of Control, which made the increase, said the \$72 a month is what it actually costs the state for care of the patients at the institutions.

The charge it made against patients' relatives who can afford to pay.

The law requires the board to fix the charges each year.

### JAIL TERM METED

Wesley H. Strong, 48, Reedsport, was sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$50 by Reedsport Justice Fred M. Wright on a charge that he violated terms of probation, the sheriff's office reported.

### Dr. Jess Hutson Joins Dr. Munroe In Practice

Dr. Jess Hutson, formerly of Portland, has moved to Roseburg and has become associated in practice with Dr. A. B. Munroe at 301 Pacific Building. He will engage in general medical practice.

Dr. Hutson is a native of Hood River, Oregon where he obtained his elementary and high schooling. He did his college work at Walla Walla, Wash., and then took his medical training at the College of Medical Evangelists at Los Angeles, Calif.

He spent 3 1/2 years in the Army Medical Corps during the war.

His wife is a graduate nurse. With their two daughters, Cheryl, 7, and Janet, 2, they are making their home at 1311 Berdine St.

### Gasoline Fire Burns Man Lighting Cigaret

Ike E. Allen, 60, a Glide logger, was burned seriously at 2 p.m. Thursday when gasoline on his clothing flared up when he lighted a cigarette.

Attendees at Community Hospital reported Allen suffered burns on the hand and lower part of his body.

Apparently gasoline leaking from a power saw had soaked part of the logger's shirt, witnesses said. He was working on Cavitt Creek for the E. R. Swift Logging Co.

### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall predicts in Washington that the new steel price boost (\$5.20 per ton) will touch off a new round of inflation that will cost the average American family about \$100 a year in higher prices.

The stock market agrees with him. When the big New York exchange opened this morning, the teletype informs us, "the market with most price changes on the HIGHER side."

The big question: Does anybody gain anything out of the long and bitter steel strike? Yes, I think so.

Smart SPECULATORS will probably make quite a killing.

Price Boss Arnall puts the blame for the inflation that follows.

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### The Weather

Mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers in the mountains today, Fair Saturday.

Highest temp. for any Aug. 106

Lowest temp. for any August 39

Highest temp. last 24 hours 75

Lowest temp. last 24 hours 42

Precip. last 24 hours .01

Precip. from August 1 9

Precip. from Sept. 1 38.28

Excess 5.56

Sunrise today, 5:35 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6:05 a.m. DST

### Ezra Stagg, Worker, Gets Severe Jolt

#### Knocked Unconscious As Electricity Returns To Battery After Blast

Blasting operations in the wild rock strip above Idlely Park, where Funderburk Construction Co. is pushing road building operations on the North Umpqua Road, were temporarily halted Thursday until high tension power lines could be moved as a safety measure, said H. E. Roadman, resident engineer for the State Highway Department.

The precaution is being taken, said Roadman, to eliminate possible further accidents, such as the one which sent Ezra Stagg, 27, of Idlely Park, to Douglas Community Hospital, suffering from severe electrical burns.

Stagg set off a blast at 5 a.m. Thursday and the explosion threw his lead wire extending from his battery set to the dynamite charge, into the air onto the 11,000-volt transmission line of the California Oregon Power Company.

The direct voltage came back through the line to the battery set, striking Stagg.

Brother To Rescue

Presence of mind of Stagg's brother, Floyd, who served two years in the Army Medical Corps, is credited with saving Ezra's life.

Floyd, standing nearby, knocked Ezra from the set, and, although he was reportedly not breathing, applied artificial respiration. He was rushed, unconscious, to Douglas Community Hospital where examination revealed his right hand was severely burned, and he had numerous burns over other parts of the body.

Roadman reported that Copco engineers were at work today preparing to remove high tension wires to a safe distance. Meanwhile, road work is being continued above this rocky point in other construction.

The particular section in question involves removal of nearly 40,000 yards of almost solid rock for a 40-foot cut extending about 200 feet, and has presented numerous obstacles to the contractor.

The lower two miles of the Lone Rock-to-Rock Creek highway section has been graded, rocked and started by several small blazes remains beyond Idlely, where the work is largely in rocky formation.

According to reports received here, Funderburk was preparing for a massive blast about 9 a.m. Thursday. Residents of the area had been notified to open their doors and windows, and to go outside the time of the blast, to prevent injury from possible collapse of buildings from the concussion.

However, after the injury of Stagg earlier in the day, the big blast was postponed.

### Umpqua Forest Fires Subdued

The forest fire threat in the Umpqua National Forest was eased today as scattered showers and cool moist air helped forestry crews doust a series of small blazes started by lightning Wednesday.

Robert Auferheide, district forester, reported all but one of the fires in the Umpqua forest was under control.

A fire fighting crew was hiking in to Spring Mountain in the North Umpqua River drainage district this morning to the scene of a small blaze spotted Thursday in the wake of the lightning storm.

Wet, moist air following Thursday's showers was credited with easing a serious forest fire threat in the national forest.

"Smoke jumpers" from Cave Junction who were dropped into fire areas Thursday morning were expected to return to their headquarters tonight.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Roseburg folks are becoming so accustomed to the shriek of the fire alarm that they would probably never notice the toot of President Truman's train if it headed here for a whistle stop talk.

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