

Acts Of Heroism May Have Averted Additional Tragedy At Race Track

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The crowd just melted away following Saturday night's tragic accident which took the lives of two and injured up to 27 persons at the Roseburg Speedway south of Roseburg.

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Weekend Riots

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Paul Kearney into a closed area.

"You'll have to get better than that," the officer said after looking at Kearney's marshal's badge. The first riot broke out Saturday night. Youths overran the city police, broke windows, tore down a life-guard tower and ran through the city before police counter-attacked. Another disturbance broke out Sunday afternoon and the third Sunday night. National Guard units from Astoria and the State Police were ordered in Sunday.

State Patrolman Kenneth Lempkin was hit by a beer bottle flung with sand and Sgt. Hal Clinn was cut on the hand by a flying rock.

City Attorney Nicholas Zafiratos set a special session of Seaside Municipal Court today to hear the first of the misdemeanor cases.

Local Girl Held On Hit-Run Count

Ella Mae Hulen, 19, of 947 SE Stephens St., was arrested by city police on a hit and run charge, and released on bail, following an accident involving the car she was driving and one operated by William David Rupp, 20, of 1048 Loz. Rupp was arrested on a charge of driving on the wrong side of the road on the right side near Wright Street on Stephens, and struck the right front fender of the Rupp car.

Instead of stopping, she drove on, turned onto Klamath and drove to Casper, where the car went over a cement retaining wall, coming to a stop. The report said she started walking north on Casper and disappeared. She later was stopped driving another car allegedly without permission.

She told arresting officers after the arrest that she was scared.

Edward Gillespie

Funeral services for Edward Gillespie, who died Friday in Walluku, Maui, Hawaiian Islands, will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Friday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. John Adams and the Rev. Clark S. Enz officiating.

Concluding services and interment will follow at Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Gillespie was born Sept. 17, 1880, in Keokea, Maui, Hawaii. He moved to Roseburg from Omaha, Neb. in 1953. He was a retired accountant for the Union Pacific Railroad. His wife, Jennie, preceded him in death in 1958.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Marion (Jane) Hamilton of Maui and Mrs. George (Ann) Forrest of Roseburg; two sisters, Mrs. George Jaquis of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. E. Graham of Yakima, Wash.; and three grandchildren. Mr. Gillespie was a member of the Roseburg Methodist Church, Elks Lodge No. 326 of Roseburg and the Retired Railroad Brotherhood.

Dell Roy Peirsol

Dell Roy Peirsol, 42, a resident of Winston, died Sunday from injuries suffered at the Roseburg Speedway.

He was born Feb. 7, 1921, in Farnum, Neb. He was married to LaVerne Hahn Aug. 8, 1949, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. An employee as a millworker for the Round Prairie Lumber Co., he was a veteran of World War II.

Peirsol is survived by his wife LaVerne, and a daughter, Dena Gay, both of Winston; four sisters, Alta Peirsol and Mrs. Tressie Mills, both of Winston; Mrs. Halie Van Sickle of San Leandro, Calif.; and Mrs. Cornelia Hardbrook of Roseburg; three brothers, Harold of Stockton, Calif., Gilbert of San Jose, Calif., and Stanley of Roseburg.

Funeral services will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses Wednesday at 3 p.m. with the Rev. John Adams of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Concluding services and interment will follow at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

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tell acts of heroism which possibly prevented greater injury or loss of life.

Driver of the fatal car, Marion C. (Bud) VanOsten was thrown clear of his harness and seat belt, which supposedly should withstand 25,000 pounds of stress, investigation showed. The harness (which straps the shoulders against the seat) did not break, but the driver apparently was forced through the straps. The seat belt, the same as those used in cars, did break. A wheel from his car went rolling far out on the track, after his car collided with one driven by Hal Welker, Roseburg.

Close For VanOsten
Lee Tabor, promoter for the Pacific Racing Association, said

Big Holiday Crowd Recorded At Lake

Diamond Lake was invaded by 10,500 visitors over the Labor Day weekend, reports Dick Platt, assistant ranger of the Diamond Lake District of the Umpqua National Forest.

The highest single day was Sunday when 7,700 visitors checked into the lake. The weather Saturday was cool and cloudy, with a thunder storm accompanied by a small amount of rain and gusty winds. Sunday the weather remained cool and cloudy, with Monday's weather being warm and clear. Temperature at the lake Monday was 76 degrees.

More than 500 boats were on the lake Sunday. The fishing over the holiday was good with an average of two fish per fisherman. Most of the fish were caught by trolling, with cheese still being one of the most productive baits. Many limit catches were reported.

Water temperature at Diamond Lake Monday was 62 degrees under the surface and 61 degrees at the surface. The amount of algae in the lake is decreasing, reports Guide correspondent, Mrs. Arthur Selby.

Platt added that three small fires in the Diamond Lake District were spotted up and controlled over the weekend. The fires were the result of Friday's lightning storm in the area.

Lemolo Lake was also popular over the weekend, with 1,200 visitors being counted. Sunday, 700 persons visited Lemolo.

Don Wilson, owner of Lemolo Resort, reported several catches of 20- inch Rainbow and German Browns.

The People Creek, Bunker Hill and Inlet campgrounds in the Lemolo area were filled to capacity over the weekend.

Excellent fishing is expected to continue at Lemolo, and the grouse season opens Sept. 7, Wilson stated that grouse are plentiful in the area.

Orval Ray Bell

Orval Ray Bell, 27, a resident of Winston, died Sunday from injuries suffered at the Roseburg Speedway.

He was born July 1, 1936 in McMinville, and had lived in the Winston area for the past two weeks moving there from Corvallis. He was married to Ima Jean Kenney.

He is survived by his wife, Ima Jean of Winston; three sisters, Mrs. Sharon Lee Tom of Mill City, Mrs. Doris Jean Lee of Monmouth and Mrs. Linda Kay Webber, Canby; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bell of Corvallis; and his grandfather J. V. Bell of McMinville.

Funeral services will be held at the DeMoss-Durand Funeral Home in Corvallis Thursday at 11 a.m. with Dr. Reeves of the First Christian Church officiating. Private committal service and vault interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in McMinville.

Wilson's Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements.

Harvey Eppstein

Harvey Eppstein Jr., 43, died at his home, 844 W. Military Ave., Monday. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Wilson's Chapel of the Roses.

VanOsten was fortunate in not being struck while lying on the track as the accident occurred going into the third lap of the race and the cars were pretty well bunched up. Other cars drove into the infield to avoid hitting him.

While many acts of heroism were observed, two persons were especially cited. Ed Person (address not given) was reported to have pushed two people off the stands to save them from getting hit by the car before he ducked down between the seats to avoid the car himself.

Floyd Burkhardt was credited with reaching in and pulling the ignition wires of the vehicle, which was draining gas, to cut down on the fire hazard.

Drove Fast Car

VanOsten won the Pacific Northwest Hardtop championship last Sunday on the same track, driving the same car. He held the track speed record until two weeks ago. At that time, he had averaged 59.56 mph on the turn and 77.43 mph on the straightaway.

This gave him a 15-11 time for the quarter-mile track. Don Hein broke the record last Sunday with a time of 14.99 and Jay Eaton set a new record Saturday night of the accident with a 14.93. Both Hein and Eaton are from Roseburg.

VanOsten had won the "A trophy dash" and the "Fast heat" Saturday night, or had won all the events he had entered. He was battling it out for the lead in the "Hardtop A Main" when the accident occurred. This was to have been a 30-lap race and the accident occurred on the start of the third lap. It was the next to the last race of the night, and would have been followed by the 25-lap Jalopy Main. The crowd cleared out promptly after the accident.

Grants Pass Man Admits Burglaries

Charles Lee Neff, 20, Grants Pass, came into the Roseburg police station Monday night and calmly told the officer on duty he had just burglarized a building.

The officer, needing proof, sent a patrolman to investigate, and sure enough, Allen's Western Goods store, 1958 SE Stephens St., had been entered and a quantity of clothing taken. A window in the south end of the building had been broken to gain entry.

On further questioning, Neff admitted to city police and sheriff's deputies that he had broken into an ice cream parlor in Grants Pass and made off with \$136.20 in cash. He has signed a statement to this effect, police said. Neff was lodged in the county jail.

Donald Bruce Ekholm, 24, Roseburg, has been lodged in the county jail by state police on a charge of larceny of an auto.

Eugene Miller

Eugene Miller, 64, a resident of Roseburg, died Friday at a Roseburg hospital following a short illness.

He was born Oct. 24, 1888, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and was married to Lelah Morgan July 29, 1922, in Marion, Ohio. He had lived in the Roseburg area for the past 11 years, moving here from Myrtle Creek. He was employed as a representative of the International Woodworkers Union. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the IWA and the World War I veterans.

Miller is survived by his wife, Lelah, of Roseburg; two daughters, Mrs. Aileen A. Cummings of Aberdeen, Wash., and Mrs. Nellie J. Luffman of North Ridge, Calif.; one son, John H. of Navato, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Knapp of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Helen McDonald of Eureka, Calif.; two brothers, Victor and Louis Myers, both of Connecticut; 10 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services will be held at the Roseburg Memorial Gardens Wednesday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Smith, chaplain of the Veterans Hospital, officiating. Wilson's Chapel of the Roses is in charge of arrangements. The body will lie in state until 9 a.m. Wednesday.



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Road Toll Soars Toward New High

By United Press International
The worst Labor Day holiday traffic toll on record climbed steadily today and threatened to set an all-time mark for summer holiday tragedy.

A United Press International tabulation showed 554 persons had died in traffic during the 78-hour holiday period from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Monday night.

The breakdown:
Traffic 554
Drowning 65
Boating 9
Planes 6
Miscellaneous 68
Total 702

California led the death tally with 60 fatalities. There were 43 in Texas, 30 in New York state, 29 in Michigan, 26 in North Carolina, 23 in Illinois, 22 in Georgia and 21 in Indiana.

Only two states — Alaska and

Delaware — escaped highway death over summer's last holiday.

The National Safety Council feared the final tabulation of deaths would push the toll past 556, the record for highway fatalities during a summertime holiday. The record was set over the Independence Day holiday this year.

The Labor Day toll had already set these marks:

—It surpassed last year's Labor Day toll of 501, the previous record for the holiday.

—It was well over the 525 killed during this year's Memorial Day holiday. That figure, compiled over a 102-hour holiday, was the record for a summer weekend until the July 4 holiday topped it.

—It was the third successive holiday marred by a new record of highway deaths.

The death tally was a blow to the Safety Council, which had issued a pre-holiday estimate of 430 to 520 traffic deaths. As the toll climbed the estimate was raised to 575.

The Safety Council said a total of 360 persons could be expected to die in traffic over a similar, non-holiday period.

James Henry Baldwin

Funeral services for James Henry Baldwin, 72, who died Monday at his home, 224 Cypress St., Oakland, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Pyle-Larsen Funeral Chapel in Eugene.

Baldwin was born Feb. 17, 1891, in Deadwood, S.D. He had lived in the Oakland area for the past year and a half.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha, Oakland; two daughters, Viola Regan, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Ann Sharrie, Tonopah, Nev.; one son, Gerald A. Baldwin, Taylor, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren.

The Rev. Ronald Spaulding of the Church of Christ of Oakland will officiate at the services. Private interment will follow at the West Haven Cemetery, Eugene. Sutherland-Oakland Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

Mishaps Take Five In State Over Holiday

By United Press International
Accidents in Oregon took 12 lives over the long Labor Day weekend.

Six persons died in traffic crashes, two drowned in a boating accident at the mouth of the Columbia River and four others were killed in miscellaneous accidents.

Former Lincoln County Commissioner William F. Wakefield, 84, was killed Monday when a tractor he was driving overturned on his farm near Edenville. He had lived on the farm since coming to Oregon in 1888.

Mrs. Freeman Smith of Walla Walla, Wash., was killed in a two-car accident on U.S. Highway 395 about 25 miles south of John Day Monday night.

Lester Headley, 58, Stayton, was electrocuted while helping carry a 21-foot irrigation pipe across a field near Sublimity Monday afternoon.

Larry Ferguson, 31, Klamath Falls, and Daryl Roff, 22, Sweet Home, were killed in separate one-car accidents in the Klamath Falls area early Monday.

Two Portland men drowned when their small pleasure boat capsized near Cape Disappointment Sunday. The victims were Maynard Cash and Harry Robinson.

Paul Simantel, 24, Oregon City, lost his life in a one-car crash near Oregon City early Sunday. Orval Bell, 27, and Del Ray Peirsol, 42, both of Winston, died when a racing car left the track and plunged into a grandstand at a speedway near Roseburg Saturday night.

Two men were killed in a two-car collision near Malin Friday night. The victims were James Rogers, 50, and Harvey Eagleton, 27, both of Malin.

Held On Liquor Count

Roseburg City Police took into custody Dennis Jackson, 19, of 462 W. Ball St., for illegal possession of liquor and contributing to the delinquency of the 17-year-old youth also arrested with him.

Police said Jackson admitted furnishing the liquor but refused to tell where he got it.

Eugene Man Critically Injured In One-Car Labor Day Accident

A Eugene man is in critical condition today at a Roseburg hospital from injuries received in one of four major traffic accidents occurring on roads in Douglas County over the Labor Day weekend.

Several other persons were hospitalized or received treatment at hospitals as result of the accidents which occurred at scattered points around the county.

Listed as critical at Douglas Community Hospital this morning is David Ray Watson, 20, of Eugene. Watson was involved in a one-car accident about 10 p.m. Monday on Highway 99 north of Kellys Korner at the junction across from E. K. Lumber Mill.

Roseburg state police said the vehicle operated by Watson struck the south end of the divider and flipped over on its top, throwing Watson from the vehicle. Signs and a light post were knocked down.

Charles Lindbergh Keto, 36, of Wolf Creek, and Mickie Lyle Bartle 40, are reported in "satisfactory" condition at Forest Glen Hospital today following an accident about 2 a.m. Sunday on Glendale Road near the county scales.

State police said Keto was operator of a car which was traveling east on Glendale Road, after rounding a curve just south of the scale house, the vehicle crossed the highway and rammed head-on into the bank on the north side of the road.

Billy Wallace McClain, 27, Winston, suffered lacerations about the head and face as result of a one-car accident Monday on Highway 9 near the Evergreen Grange south of Kellys Korner. He has been discharged from Douglas Community Hospital.

State police said a vehicle operated by McClain went out of control on a curve, skidded for 235 feet moving broadside across the highway and plunging over a bank. The vehicle rolled another 100 feet out into a field.

Three other persons were taken to Douglas Community Hospital Sunday and treated for minor cuts and bruises after a car driven by Eugene Albert Gravel, Eugene, went out of control, left the highway and rolled over on Highway 42 about two miles east of Tenmile.

The passengers in the vehicle, Frederick Gravel, 42; Gary Gravel, 17; Glen Gravel, 13, and Wallace Kuykendall, all of Eugene, were treated at the hospital. The accident, according to Roseburg state police, occurred about 4:15 p.m.

Balloon Counts Hold Four Roseburg Youths

Four Roseburg youths were taken into custody by state police and face charges of disorderly conduct (vagrancy) in connection with allegedly throwing water balloons at passing cars.

Booked at the county jail were John Vance Metzger, 19, of 517 W. Madrone; Larry Leo Burback, 20, of 1303 SE Booth; Kenneth Leroy Melhoff, 19, of 680 NE Winchester, and Larry Lee Busch, 18, 647 NW Estelle, Roseburg.

One of the balloons, which the youths are accused of throwing, struck a vehicle operated by Lawrence Duane Aamot. The balloon broke the windshield, and Aamot was cut on the hand and arm with broken glass. A box containing the water-filled balloons was found in the car the youths were operating.



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