

Roseburg Youth Dies In Nepal

Coal Mine Blast Claims 9 Men

MARTIN, Utah (UPI)—Methane gas and coal dust, possibly ignited by a spark, was blamed today for a searing explosion that killed nine miners and turned a "model coal mine" into a "black and dusty hell."

Ten miners survived the explosion that rumbled through a drift a half mile underground in the Carbon Fuel Co.'s No. 2 mine Monday. Only one of the survivors was injured.

Jesus Nunez, 45, received severe lacerations, multiple contusions and suffered from shock. He was in fair condition in a hospital at Price, Utah—a short distance from the disaster scene.

State and federal investigators moved into the blast-wrecked mine today, attempting to learn the definite cause of the violent explosion. They agreed on the gas-dust factors, but were unable to pinpoint the source of the spark.

Assault Counts Hit Hargraves

The Douglas County Grand Jury Monday returned four indictments against Dale Andrew Hargraves, 19, of Myrtle Creek, in connection with his alleged firing of a shotgun into the Charles Elmer Campbell home in Briggs Acres, Myrtle Creek, Dec. 9.

Charges of assault with intent to kill and charges of assault with a dangerous weapon on the persons of both Campbell and his wife, Nancy Irene Campbell, were preferred against Hargraves.

The charges are different, in that the assault with a dangerous weapon alleges only that he, while being armed with a dangerous weapon, namely a 12 gauge shotgun, did "willfully, unlawfully and feloniously assault" the victims by pointing the weapon at them, while it was loaded and by firing shot from the gun in their direction while within shooting distance.

The other indictments allege on the part of Hargraves an intent to kill. Each indictment is named separately but combined under one allegation because the alleged crimes "against the respective two victims arose from the same and simultaneous act and transaction."

Mrs. Campbell was struck by eight shotgun pellets in the back, but Campbell was not hit, according to investigation of police.

Police reports state that Hargraves and Mrs. Campbell had been away from the home and had been drinking. On their return an argument is alleged to have ensued between Mrs. Campbell's husband and Hargraves, and Campbell ordered him off the place.

Shooting Described

The shotgun was fired through the bedroom window of the Campbell home, through the plastic curtains and the pellets proceeded through another curtain at the bedroom door into the living room, striking Mrs. Campbell and missing her baby in a rocking chair by a couple of feet, the police investigation showed. Campbell told police he grabbed a 22 and fled at the fleeing assailant.

City Bus Line May Be Stopped

It appears that another city bus line is about to bite the dust in Roseburg.

L. R. Pilcher, manager of the Evergreen Bus Lines of Medford, has advised the city he cannot continue operating the bus line here. It was a short-lived business venture.

The Medford businessmen brought new buses to the city about four months ago and hoped to rejuvenate city bus service after the previous operator had failed.

Mayor Thomas Garrison said Pilcher conducted the bus line in an efficient, business-like manner but the operator was beset by a number of problems, including personal illness.

Pilcher indicated he did not have the financial resources to continue operating at a loss. He told city officials his losses for the first few months were beyond his expectations.

In Pilcher's original arrangement with the city, he was to operate on an agreement basis until Dec. 31 at which time a franchise was to be negotiated. Earlier this month, Pilcher, due to illness, had requested an extension of this operating agreement to Feb. 1, 1964, which was granted.

City officials said it is expected that Pilcher will not terminate his local service until the end of the extension period.

Johnson Plans Union Address

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson will deliver his first State of the Union message to Congress Jan. 8, it was decided today at a meeting between the President and Democratic leaders of both houses of Congress.

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Sinatra Played Detective Role In Kidnaping Case

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The cool role of detective played by Frank Sinatra Jr. while he was held by his kidnapers was credited today for the speedy capture of his abductors.

Although the FBI continued to remain silent concerning the clues that led to the arrests of three persons last Friday and Saturday, Frank Jr.'s role was learned by United Press International for the first time Monday.

Blindfolded and nervous, the 19-year-old youth nevertheless was able to provide many clues to the FBI, including distances counted by footsteps, sounds heard at the hideout and—in a moment when his eyes were covered—the name of a hamburger stand on a wrapper.

The discovery of the hideaway where Sinatra Jr. was held in nearby Canoga Park from the time he was abducted a week ago Sunday night to his release on payment of \$240,000 ransom early last Wednesday has been credited as the major break in cracking the case.

And young Frank Jr. was apparently able to provide the clues that led to its discovery.

The account of Frank Jr.'s role in the apprehension of the trio accused of kidnaping him came to light as the FBI made plans to transport John William Irwin, 42, suspected ringleader, from the jail in San Diego, Calif., to federal jail facilities here.

The two 23-year-old suspects, Barry Worthington Keenan, scion of a wealthy Los Angeles area family, and Joseph Clyde Amsler, Playa Del Rey, were held on \$50,000 bail each.

Multiple indictments against the trio were expected to be returned by a grand jury within three weeks.

The Weather AIRPORT RECORDS

Variable cloudiness and fog today and tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 48
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 35
Highest temp. any Dec. (58) 69
Lowest temp. any Dec. (62) 16
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Normal Dec. precip. 5.69
Precip. from Dec. 1 5.56
Precip. from Sept. 1 10.38
Sunset tonight, 4:39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:41 a.m.

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PREPARING in September for the ill-fated trip which took the life of Dove Wyatt, 20, of Roseburg on Dec. 4 in a fall near Mt. Everest, are Wyatt, left, and his two companions on the trip, Gary Payne, center, and Steve McCarthy. The trio is shown in Roseburg as they were gathering equipment for the trip which was partially planned to collect insects from the high reaches of the Himalayas.

TNT Solution Perils Large Chicago Area

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. (UPI)—Six-thousand barrels of a TNT component mixed into the waters of Lake Michigan evaporated today and this heavily industrial city breathed deeply in relief.

For 14 hours Monday, the people of this city, part of the Calumet district complex of steel-making areas south of Chicago, lived in fear of a terrible holocaust.

A match could have done it. The bow of a barge sank in the Indiana harbor ship canal in the pre-dawn hours as its cargo of 12,000 barrels of toluene was being pumped into the American Oil Co. refinery.

Toluene is a blend of gasoline used to increase the quality of ordinary motor fuels.

The toluene—a component of tri-nitro-toluene (TNT)—bubbled to the surface and its fumes filled the air. The canal became "like dynamite," one officer said, and explosive conditions spread for at least three-quarters of a mile.

The Coast Guard ordered all marine traffic halted between Lake Michigan and the ship canal and it stopped movement on seven railroad bridges. Major passenger trains were delayed as much as two hours.

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Earth Crack Gets Blame For Failure Of California Dam

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LOS ANGELES (UPI)—A huge crack across the bottom of the Baldwin Hills reservoir may have unleashed the tidal wave that destroyed dozens of homes, damaged hundreds of others and killed three—and possibly four—persons.

It was learned Monday night that Archie V. MacDonald, 70, a furniture store executive, has been missing since the dam broke Saturday and swept him away before the eyes of his wife, Marie.

Mrs. MacDonald was one of the 27 persons hospitalized with injuries received in the disaster that caused damage expected to exceed \$10 million.

The huge crack, running nearly the length of the reservoir, was revealed when the water drained out. Max K. Socha, department of water and power chief, insisted the crack may have occurred only shortly before the dam failed.

"We have drains under there (the bottom of the asphalt covered reservoir)," he said. "Those drains were not taking any water."

But no official would speculate on what caused the crack. "It would be a matter of conjecture," Socha said, adding it should be left to investigators.

City health officials clamped a tight embargo on removal of water damaged food from the stricken area to prevent spread of any disease.

City Health Officer Dr. George M. Uhl said a health hazard definitely exists with danger of an epidemic caused by rodents, flies and mosquitoes and from uprooted sewer and water mains.

Mayor Samuel Yorty Monday promised victims of the flood that they would be fully compensated for their property losses.

Cupid Triumphs Over Bumbledom

MOSCOW (UPI)—Cupid triumphed over Communist bumbledom today to enable an American visitor in Moscow to marry his 25-year-old Russian sweetheart.

Larry Brayton, 36, of Fairbanks, Alaska, was wed to Miss Rosita Schifman less than an hour after Soviet authorities granted him a last minute visa extension. Without it, the marriage was unlikely because of regulations that require a valid passport or document for foreign weddings.

Brayton, who came to Russia as a tourist, has since Nov. 29. But he had announced he was determined to "sweat it out" until the ceremony today.

The American, who describes himself as a former union official, made three appeals to Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to be allowed to stay. Whether Khrushchev actually intervened was not known.

Brayton said he received a telephone call this morning and was told his visa had been extended.

"That's wonderful," he said, and went to pick up his bride and take her to one of Moscow's "Palaces of Marriage."

Winston Voters Reject Trailers

House trailers within the city limits of Winston will eventually be a thing of the past as the result of an election held Monday.

Winston voters turned down, 75 to 62, an amendment to a 1960 city ordinance which prohibited house trailers within the city. Those already set up were allowed to remain. An amendment introduced in October of this year provided that trailers could be installed if certain requirements as to foundation, sanitation hookups and other considerations were met.

The light vote out of a possible 715 registered voters on the books did not adequately reflect the strong feeling of opposition to trailers set up at random in the city, according to Phebe McGuire, correspondent. Action pointing to the amendment was triggered by a former resident who had moved a trailer home from the city and then found on returning that the 1960 ordinance prohibited such re-entry. Mrs. McGuire said.

At present, there are only two trailer homes located in the city. Status of these two is uncertain and legal action has been instituted by at least one of the owners in an effort to preserve the status quo, according to Mrs. McGuire.

U.S. Forest Cedar High At Auction

The bidding on incense cedar, which finally went to 10 times its appraisal price, figured in the sale of 18,200,000 feet of timber in the Falcon Creek sale on the Umpqua National Forest's Cow Creek Ranger District Monday.

Roseburg Lumber Co. was high bidder on the 254-acre tract located 24 miles northeast of Tiller. There was 1,400,000 feet of incense cedar appraised at \$6.45 per thousand. Roseburg Lumber Co. paid \$69.95 per thousand for this portion of the timber.

A total of 16,800,000 feet of Douglas fir and pine appraised at \$18.90 per thousand was bid in at \$20.95. Total appraised price was \$360,738, and the total sales price was \$480,438.

Other bidders were Jeffries Timber Co. of Canyonville, Olson - Lawyer Lumber, Inc., of Medford, Green Valley Lumber, Inc., of Myrtle Creek, and KO-GAP Manufacturing Co. of Medford.

Roseburg Lumber Co. also purchased a 184-acre tract 31 miles northeast of Tiller containing 8,200,000 feet of timber appraised at \$91.288. There was 4,100,000 feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$12.50 per thousand, 2,800,000 feet of pine appraised at \$6.85 and 1,300,000 feet of incense cedar and other species appraised at \$4.25.

Roseburg Lumber Co. paid \$17 per thousand for the Douglas fir, \$25 for the pine and \$16 for the incense cedar and other species. The total bid was \$171,323.

Other bidders were Green Valley Lumber, Inc., Jeffries Timber Co., Olson - Lawyer Lumber, Inc., Douglas County Lumber Co., of Roseburg, and Oregon Veneer Co., of Medford.

The next U.S. Forest Service sales are scheduled Dec. 23.

Rail Crash Hurts Eight

CLOVIS, N.M. (UPI)—Eight persons were injured Monday when the Santa Fe Railroad's eastbound San Francisco Chief slammed into a manure truck at a grade crossing near here.

Ten cars of the Chief were derailed. The truck driver, Warren J. Neill of Portales, N.M., and seven train passengers suffered minor injuries.

The Chief was traveling 20 to 25 miles an hour at the time.

Attorneys Seek Bail For Ruby

DALLAS (UPI)—Jack Ruby's lawyers fought today to move the strip club owner from jail to a psychiatrist's couch to seek evidence that Ruby was insane when he shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald.

A writ of habeas corpus was filed with criminal court Judge Joe B. Brown Monday that charged Ruby was held illegally without bond and that he could not get "proper psychiatric treatment" in jail.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade promised a pitched fight to keep Ruby in jail, because he will seek the death penalty on the murder with malice charge. He said such a charge was not bondable.

Ruby was expected to appear in court for the hearing Monday. Brown barred news and television cameras from the hearing. A ruling on photo coverage of the actual trial, Feb. 3, still has not been announced.

Portland Firm Investigating Possible Air Shuttle Service

American Air Lease Corp., a subsidiary of C. J. Montag & Sons, a Portland contracting firm, is investigating the possibility of providing shuttle service with scheduled airline.

Two representatives of the firm, Jim Fugate and Fred Newton, met with the Roseburg city Airport Commission Monday afternoon to discuss the prospect.

A special meeting of Roseburg area businessmen, civic leaders and interested citizens has been scheduled at noon Friday in the Umpqua Hotel to consider the plan further. This will be a no-host luncheon meeting with arrangements being handled by the Airport Commission and Transportation Committee of the Roseburg (Area) Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose of the meeting will be to give air passenger patrons an opportunity to tell American Air Lease Corp. what they would like to have in the way of passenger service and air connections.

Charters Handled

American Air Lease Corp. is a subsidiary of C. J. Montag & Sons, a Portland contracting firm. Fugate said the air lease organization has been operating for about three years. Its activities have been confined to charter flights for large corporations.

The firm is now taking a close look at Roseburg on the possibility of establishing a base field here for shuttle service. Fugate said his firm is certificated to operate an air taxi service but is not governed by

Fall From Glacier Fatal To Adventurous Student On Slopes Of Himalayas

"It's horrible, just horrible." This shock and grief came from the lips of Edwin Wyatt of Roseburg Monday night when he heard of the death of his son, David, in the Himalaya Mountains of Nepal.

The Roseburg youth had died after slipping on glacial ice in the Tesi Lapacha Pass area Dec. 4. According to a telegram received from his two traveling companions, received by the Wyatts this morning, he slipped over a bluff and fell 500 feet.

The other two, Steve McCarthy, 20, of Roseburg and Gary Payne, 20, of Jackson, Wyo., said in the telegram they climbed down to him and tried to revive him, but in vain. Because of the great distance to any villages, young Wyatt had to be buried on the spot.

A special memorial service is being planned in Roseburg for the youth. The Rev. John Adams of the Roseburg First Presbyterian Church will officiate. The date has not yet been set.

The first word of the accident was received in Portland late Monday in a short Reuters of England news service dispatch. It said the death had occurred at the 19,000 foot level on Mt. Everest. However, it was later found it had occurred about 20 miles north of Everest.

It took the other two youths almost two weeks to hike out to Katmandu, Nepal, to report the accident. Since there are no communications facilities from Katmandu, it was difficult for the boys to get word to Wyatt's parents at 540 W. Chatham Drive.

Mrs. Gerald McCarthy, the mother of Steve, the other Roseburg youth in the expedition, was contacted finally by The News-Review with the sketchy information from Reuters. Shocked, she agreed to take the message to the Wyatts, who had not been at home when efforts were made to contact them earlier in the day.

The cablegram from the other two boys, received by the Wyatts this morning, said the accident had occurred while young Wyatt was trying to gather insect specimens. This collection of specimens was one of the projects being carried on by the boys to partially finance their trip. Wyatt was a biology

major at the University of Chicago.

The three youths left Oregon Sept. 14 on the first leg of the trip around the world. They flew to Calcutta, India, where they picked up about 600 pounds of gear before flying on to Katmandu. They had intended to begin a foot trek from Katmandu to Darjeeling, India, by Oct. 1 and reach Darjeeling by Nov. 15. However, this plan was apparently altered because they were still in the Himalayas when the accident occurred.

After Darjeeling, they planned to visit New Delhi, India, go through the Khyber Pass to the Middle East and then into Europe. They were planning to return to the West Coast of the United States by mid-summer 1964. It is not known if the trip will continue now.

The three 20-year-old youths had planned the trip carefully, even making arrangements for the scientific work of collecting the insects for study by the Smithsonian Institute, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and Chicago Field Museum. They also planned to write a series of articles.

They gathered about \$3,000 worth of equipment, finances and services from different firms and institutions, including Reed College at Portland.

The expedition included no mountain climbing. The three had originally planned to do some climbing, but discarded the plan because of lack of finances. They decided instead to trek to Thyangboche, a Buddhist monastery near the foot of Khumbu Glacier on a ridge of the Himalayas.

Also involved in the effort to secure more information about the accident were state Sen. Al Flegel and U.S. Rep. Robert Duncan. Flegel, at the request of Ed Wyatt, contacted Duncan in Washington, D. C., to get more details. By checking both with Reuters in London and the State Department in Washington, Duncan was able to gather a little more information. He was told the boys had tried for two hours to resuscitate Wyatt after the fall. He said details of the accident will be sent from Katmandu by diplomatic packet.

Wyatt Good Student

Wyatt was an outstanding student both in Roseburg and at the University of Chicago. He was born in Roseburg, attended Fullerton Grade School, Central Junior High and Roseburg High. He was graduated from Roseburg in 1961. He had attended University of Chicago two years. Because of his outstanding work at the university, he was due to be graduated with only one more year of study.

Young Wyatt reached the age of 20 Oct. 30.

His family has asked that those wishing to leave a memorial to him, contribute funds to the Douglas County Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1247. Money may also be left at the Chapel of the Roses. The family asks that no flowers be sent.

Portland Firm Investigating Possible Air Shuttle Service

technical problems affecting West Coast Airlines service at Roseburg.

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Fugate said if the plan is put into effect, it would be the first shuttle service venture undertaken on the West Coast. He said the plane which would be used in the operation cruises normally at 200 mph, normally carries five passengers (but has a maximum capacity of 10) and can fly to Portland in 55 minutes. Allowing two stops between, the flying time would be about 1:15.

When asked if the venture looked economically feasible, Fugate replied: "I don't know yet. It will take exploration." But he pointed out the fate of the service would depend on how well it is supported by the community.

SANTA'S HELPER SAYS

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