

JOY RIDE KILLS ONE; FIVE ESCAPE

Dolly Ferrera Crushed to Death When Auto Leaps Off Gresham Road.

GIRL COMPANIONS UNHURT

Gravel Pit Is Scene of Fatality. Harry Holland, Chauffeur for W. M. Ladd, Steals Car for Night Trip.

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around town," that she and her sisters might retire early. When over by the persuasions of Dolly, who volunteered to "show her" the country and the Twelve-Mile House, Anna consented, while Holland allowed his car to thunder along the East Line road toward the roadhouse.

Dolly Chose Route.

From midnight until nearly 2 o'clock the party drank several rounds of drinks. When it was proposed to return home, Dolly De Martini chose the route of her tragic death. It was at her suggestion that the party took a spin over the Gresham loop before the moon set in the city.

According to the Meyer girls and Holland, himself, he cautioned Robertson to exercise more care in driving and reduce his speed. Regardless of the warnings Robertson increased the speed and swerved several times along the road. At a point less than 200 feet from the abrupt turn in the road he barely averted a collision with a huge road roller.

Robertson First Free.

Robertson was the first to extricate himself from beneath the wrecked car. He was followed by Holland who literally wiggled himself to freedom from the dismantled tonneau. The two then tugged violently and dragged Eva and Rose Meyer to safety. Hardly had the two youths realized the gravity of the situation when the oil in the upset tail-light became ignited. The blaze threatened to add fire to their predicament.

Holland then ran up the embankment and a few moments later dashed into the lounge room of the Twelve-mile house for aid. Dr. Elmer Montavilla was summoned and was on the scene a few moments after Holland had returned to the scene of the tragedy but the woman was dead.

Robertson in Pit.

Police headquarters were notified and in less than an hour Deputy Coroner Dunning and Sheriff Stevens with a brace of deputies were speeding on their way to the scene. The cries of Robertson and the shriek where he had plunged head-first into the frenzied dash for assistance attracted several guests of the road house who hurried to the assistance of the victims to rescue him from his plight.

Holland Only 19.

Robertson is 24 years old. His parents reside at 223 East Forty-ninth street. They have been residents of Portland for several years. His father is an engineer for the Knight Packing Company, at East Ninth and Alder streets. Holland is but 19 years of age and has been employed since her divorce from Albert Ferrera, a prominent local attorney, about four years ago. They had been married seven years and have two children. The children have been in the custody of the father since their parents' divorce. The divorce brought by the husband followed a shooting affray wherein he fired at "Peebie" Lucas, who he said, had alienated his wife's affections. Dolly Ferrera would have been 30 years old next November. She was born in Livermore, Cal. and came here with her father in 1881. Her children are Vivian Ferrera, aged 10, and Rico Ferrera, aged 9. A brother, Fred De Martini, a step-brother, Hayes Morgan, also live in Portland.

Girl Tells of Accident.

Anna, Eva and Rose Meyer, held in the County Jail as witnesses, had about recovered from the effects of the accident last evening, save that Anna Meyer was still confined to bed from the severe shock. The other girls were sufficiently recovered to be playing cards when an Oregonian reporter called. They appear

SCENE OF THE FATAL ENDING OF THE "JOY RIDE." DOLLY FERRERA, THE WOMAN KILLED, AND VIEWS OF THE OVERTURNED AUTOMOBILE.



to be unsophisticated, hard-working German girls and show no signs of having led the fast pace which usually accompanies "joy-riding." "We didn't know we were going out until after we came back from the theater at 11:30," said Eva, "but Dolly had an appointment with the boys, and after she had read the note, told us to go, too, and we went. They didn't say where they were going, but just said to come on and have a drink." "We went out to the roadhouse and they ordered drinks. I drank a glass of beer and Anna ordered a glass of lemonade, but didn't like it and didn't drink it. The others ordered four or five rounds of drinks, maybe more, and Dolly drank with the boys every time they ordered it. Yes, I guess the boys were drinking too much and that was what made us meet with the accident."

Holland drove the car out to the roadhouse and I guess he knew how to drive it well. We never knew it wasn't his own car or that he hadn't rented it. On the way back Robertson drove the car. He went fast, yes, very fast, and didn't seem to know how to steer very well. When we came to the hill he went right over it, and came to a stop. The car and the machine jumped and went over."

"Dolly just said, 'Oh, Anna,' and never moved after that. We were all pinned under the car, and we couldn't get out easily. Jack was running around and didn't seem to know where he was. We tried to get Dolly out and couldn't, and then Harry went right away to get somebody."

"We work at the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, that is, Anna and I do. Rose isn't working just now. We all keep house together."

The landlord of the place where the Meyer girls live stated that on one occasion he and his wife had some beer and invited the girls to come in and were told that they never drank at all. He speaks of the girls in the highest terms.

Jack Robertson's aged mother visited him at the County Jail yesterday afternoon, in answer to a telephone message from him. She did not tell the boy's father of the accident, despite his questions. To a reporter she stated she was sure Jack had not intentionally done any wrong, and that if Holland had taken the machine he certainly believed it was all right.

W. M. Ladd, owner of the wrecked automobile, called at the County Jail yesterday afternoon in answer to a telephone message from Harry Holland, his chauffeur, who had taken the machine. Mr. Ladd states he will not aid in releasing the youths from jail, and that he will probably not prosecute them.

The automobile's front wheel is broken and its glass front fenders are demolished. It was completely overturned when men from the Covey Garage went for it. They righted the machine, affixed a new wheel to it and brought it to town under its own power. The machine is a Cadillac, costing about \$4000.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL CLOSSES

Dalles Congregationalists Complete Three-Day Celebration.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The three-day special services in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Congregational Church in this city came to a close this evening. Rev. D. V. Poling, the local pastor, gave an address on the "History of the Church." Six members were added at today's services.

Today is positively the last day for discont on East Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."



LAW HIS SOLUTION

Ban on "Joy Rides" and Road Houses, Brougher's Plan.

SERMON ON TIMELY TOPIC

Country Bars Are Devil's Own Recruiting Station, Declares Pastor of White Temple.

Oregon legislators should put a ban on "joy riding" and road-houses, according to Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher. In his sermon at the White Temple last night he likened to the driving of Jehu the furious pace at which chauffeurs are wont to drive their autos in the early morning hours.

A joy ride frequently means a visit to a "road house" and indulgence in the intoxicating cup, which leads to dissipation, that are bound to ruin. This is one of the strange peculiarities of human nature. Wherever the devil has a young man or a young woman he wants to ruin, and to damn for time and eternity, he first gets them to take the step by indulging in the intoxicating cup.

Boy Breaks Arm at Rink.

While trying to execute fancy figures on roller skates at the Oakes rink last night, Geary Thornton, an 15-year old boy of Oakland, Or., a guest of Harry Friar at 171 1/2 Front street, fell and broke his arm. The floor was crowded with skaters and boys, girls, men and women, indiscriminately fell in a tumbled heap over the prostrate lad, well nigh smothering his life out. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital in a Holman ambulance. His injuries are not accounted serious.



GIRLS WHO ESCAPED DEATH IN FATAL "JOY RIDE." ANNA MEYER APPEARS AT THE LEFT, EVA AND ROSE MEYER TO THE RIGHT.

COLUMBINE TO END TASK

BUOYS AND BEACONS RESET ON COLUMBIA RIVER. Day Marks and Lights Have Been Put in Shape by Government Ship. Notes of the Waterfront.

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DREDGE OREGON IS IN PORT

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The tug Richard Holyoke arrived in today after a hard-tow of 80 hours from Coos Bay, bringing the dredge Oregon and a barge loaded with pipe belonging to the dredge. The trip was without mishap, except-

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Breakwater Brings Cargo of Fish. With several carloads of frozen fish and a quantity of pickled fish in tins, the steamship Breakwater arrived yesterday afternoon from Coos Bay. The fish is all billed for New York and will be delivered to the rail lines at Portland. In addition the Breakwater brought a fair-sized lot of passengers. She will sail for the South again Wednesday night.

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