

# 99 Deaths Inaugurate New Year's Week End

The lives of 99 persons ran out with the old year as accidents marred the nation's holiday week end.

From 6 p.m. (local time) Friday through Saturday evening, 35 persons died in traffic crashes, 21 in fires and 25 more in miscellaneous accidents.

Among the fire victims were three little girls of one family who were trapped upstairs in their Woodstown, N. J., home by an oil stove explosion. A flaming staircase prevented their mother from saving them.

Last week end, over the three-day Christmas holiday, 580 persons died in violent accidents, 413 in traffic fatalities.

The national safety council has predicted a toll of 330 traffic victims over the New Year's week end. The prediction exceeds last year's total New Year's accidental toll, but the 1949 holiday was only a two-day affair—and 309 persons died celebrating it, 207 in traffic mishaps.

# Jobless Pay Sets Postwar Record in '49

A postwar record of unemployment compensation payments in Oregon was established in 1949, due largely to all-time high December payments that were higher than for December of the past three years combined.

The year's total was \$19,367,906, or 16 per cent above the previous high in 1946. December's figure was \$2,742,374, higher than November's by 41.6 per cent.

Only higher monthly figure was the \$2,855,116 paid in March, 1948, shortly after the close of the war.

Although readjustment allowances to unemployed veterans under the GI bill of rights declined greatly during the past four months—dropping to \$69,807 for December—the year's disbursements reached \$7,021,982. This brought the combined total of payments to veterans and civilians in Oregon during 1949 to \$26,389,738 compared to \$25,269,262 for 1948.

State checks went to 32,363 covered workers during the last week of the year—only 19 per cent under last winter's peak of 40,287 reached in late February.

Since the start of the benefit year last July, 93,000 persons have filed claims as compared with 83,929 a year ago. During the 1948-49 benefit year, claimants numbered 101,000, and officials expect that figure to be passed during the next 30 days. About 390,000 covered workers had sufficient wage credits during 1948 to qualify for benefits during the present year.

Nearly 7000 claimants already have exhausted their benefit rights and can draw no further compensation until after the next benefit year starts July 1, 1950. Exhaustions during 1948-49 exceeded 20,000 and may be much higher in 1949-50.

# Rhodes Scholars Prove Successful

DENVER (INS)—What happens to Rhodes scholars after they leave Oxford?

Apparently everything good—at least that's the conclusion of Colorado university officials who checked into the lives of 15 Rhodes scholars who had attended Oxford from Colorado university.

Of the 15 students surveyed, two are business executives, two are writers, three are lawyers. Four became educators, one chose medicine, another is an ambassador and two still are attending the educational institution in England.

Among the famous group is a brother combination, Dr. Clayton Sam White and Byron (Whizzer) White. Both won laurels in football and basketball at CU. Both were president of the associated students and members of Phi Beta Kappa.

# George Should Try Writing Headlines

TORRANCE, Calif. (P)—How to abbreviate names like Paseo de la Estrella, Calle de Anda Lucia or Via Monte D'ore? That's the problem facing City Manager George Stevens who plans to install street signs in the suburbs.

Signs in figures the signs should be no more than two feet long with letters at least six inches high and proportionately wide. That only leaves room for 12 to 15 letters.

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# World Greeted New Decade in Usual Manner

A world troubled by its past but hopeful of its future welcomed in the new year today with cork-popping revelry, song—and prayers.

From Times Square to Red Square, and all around the world, men and women gathered to greet the dawn of 1950 in the traditional ways they have known since childhood.

Frenzied revelers roared out the old year and toasted in the new in bars and night-spots, in hotels and honky-tonks and on the bustling sidewalks of great cities and small towns.

Other millions, soberly mindful of the strife-torn "forties," knelt in prayer to ask that the new decade shepherd all nations along the pathway to everlasting peace and good will among men.

**Manhattan Throng**  
New Yorkers tossed their usual raucous greeting to the new year. Gay throngs swarmed into Manhattan to take up the traditional New Year's eve watch in Times Square. Policemen were on hand to keep the crowd in line.

Gotham's night clubs did a bustling business. In the tonier night spots and supper clubs, celebrators paid out \$25 each for food, entertainment, treats and the privilege of howling in young men. The liquor was extra.

**High Prices**  
The less sumptuous clubs, charged from \$7.50 up for dinner and a funny hat.

There were the usual gags. One club set up an old-fashioned milk wagon in a nearby parking lot. Its function was to serve drinkers of cool milk to whet their tipsy palates, then haul them home to bed if necessary.

Another set up a special "resolutions" table for patrons. There they could write out their New Year's resolutions—in invisible ink.

In Atlanta, night clubs planned a double celebration of the holiday, last night and again Monday night. They sold out in advance at from \$10 to \$10 cover charge per couple.

**\$31.80 Special**  
Hollywood's film colony and its lesser notables, shot the works at the Cocoanut Grove of the Ambassador hotel, at Ciro's, the Mocambo, the Biltmore Bowl and other top spots. The Cocoanut Grove broke out a soup-to-nuts special at \$31.80 per person. The special included all taxes and drinks—with wine for each course, cordial or brandy after dinner, and as many cocktails as the guest could stomach.

Chicago and all the other cities whooped it up too. Night club prices in the Loop City were about the same or perhaps slightly lower than last year. They ranged from \$18.50 per person downward, with the drinks extra.

**Sitter Fee Rises**  
Chicago's baby sitters fees showed a sharp rise, however. The costs ranged from 75 cents an hour before midnight and \$1 afterward to a flat \$15 for the night.

Across the world in Moscow, Russians celebrated one of their gayest nights of all the year. Not only do they welcome the new year at midnight but "Grandfather Frost" brings presents to the children, and parents and friends exchange gifts with each other.

Russian women blossomed out in their finest gowns. Parties were held in all of Moscow's downtown restaurants and hotels.

The city's foreign colony gathered at Spasso House, residence of U. S. Ambassador Alan C. Kirk, for a New Year's party given by the American colony. For four days before the party, the ambassador kept the evening's punch brewing in his bathtub.

In a New Year's eve act of clemency, Yugoslavia granted freedom to 7,304 prisoners, most of whom were serving terms on political charges.

# Parental Blame Law Approved For Albany

ALBANY, Dec. 31—Parents will be held responsible for the misbehavior of their children under an ordinance approved by Albany city council.

The new law, aimed at curbing juvenile delinquency, provides penalties for parents ranging from \$1 to \$250 in fines, sentences up to 30 days in the city jail or both.

The ordinance applies to parents whose children are judged delinquent or "dependent." It was applied unanimously by the council after Police Chief Raymond Maddy cited several recent cases in which parents of children apprehended for violations had become abusive with officers.

The new law does not alter the existing curfew law, which prohibits minors from roaming city streets after 10 p.m. unless accompanied by their parents.

In other action, the council elected Frank Dooley to fill the unexpired term of S. W. Larsen, second ward councilman who resigned because of ill health. Dooley will be sworn in at the first meeting in January.

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# Pay Raises Curbed For City Employees

CHICAGO (P)—There has been a slowdown in pay raises for people on city payrolls.

The International City Managers association and the Civil Service assembly made a study of pay rates in 100 cities, and reported:

"Fewer cities gave pay raises during the first six months of 1949 than during similar periods in 1947 and 1948. Forty per cent of the 100 reporting cities raised pay rates during the first half of 1949 compared with 47 and 61 per cent for the first half of 1947 and 1948 respectively."

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# Weather Menu Varied Across U.S. on Holiday

A well-mixed New Year's weather cocktail was served up for the nation's holiday by the weatherman. Snow, cold, rain, dry, mild, warm.

About the only areas in the country where holiday celebrations will be chilled Sunday are the northern Rockies and the Minnesota-Montana-Dakotas regions, the weather bureau at Chicago forecast. There is a prediction of colder and snow flurries for the Minnesota-Montana-Dakotas area.

A wet holiday was forecast over a band of states including parts of Oklahoma and Texas, thence northward through Missouri, eastern Kansas, around the Great Lakes and in the Mississippi valley. The rain and drizzle will be a continuation of that which fell on the area Saturday, the bureau said.

New England, which had cold weather in its northern section Saturday, was expected to warm up a bit Sunday. Mild weather also is in store for the east coast, midwest, southeast, and southwest Sunday.

Some snow or rain was predicted for scattered areas from New England westward to the Dakotas along the northern border.

Brisk showers splattered down on Miami Saturday and dampened the annual King Orange Jamboree parade. However, warm and sunny weather was forecast for Florida generally New Year's day.

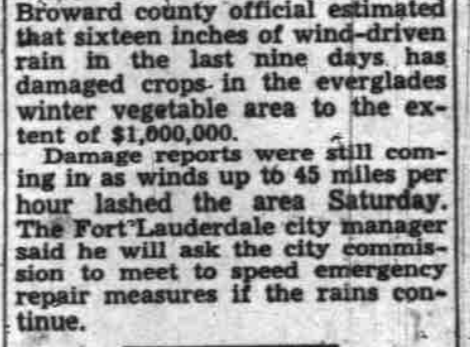
Sub-zero temperatures reported Saturday included 18 below at Havre, Mont., and 14 below at Minot, N. D.

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a Broward county official estimated that sixteen inches of wind-driven rain in the last nine days has damaged crops in the everglades winter vegetable area to the extent of \$1,000,000.

Damage reports were still coming in as winds up to 45 miles per hour lashed the area Saturday. The Fort Lauderdale city manager said he will ask the city commission to meet to speed emergency repair measures if the rains continue.

# French Prize Babies

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# Drunk Driving Charges Made

Two area drivers faced charges of driving while intoxicated in the new year following their arrests Saturday night.

Carl Monroe Worthington, Salem route 9, box 532, was held in the Marion county jail in lieu of \$350 bail after he had been arrested by state police on highway 90E north of Salem.

In the city jail in lieu of \$250 bail was Raymond Louis Hall, Silverton. He was arrested at Silverton road and Lana avenue by city police.

# X-2 Plane Aims At 2,500 mph Speed Limit

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 31 (P)—The Buffalo Courier-Express said tonight that the Bell Aircraft Corporation's new rocket airplane, the X-2, was designed for speeds of 2,200 to 2,500 miles an hour.

Leonard G. Feldman, managing editor of the morning newspaper, said in his weekly business column that the X-2 would carry considerably more fuel than the Bell X-1, which was the first plane to achieve supersonic speed.

The X-2 has been announced by the air forces, but has yet to be delivered.

Bell also is working on a still more advanced rocket plane, which has been designated the X-5, Feldman said.

"The X-5 is a super secret," he declared, "but we presume it will be an improvement on the X-2, if that's possible."

Feldman said "we wouldn't be a bit surprised if the Bell X-2 might be able to climb to 100,000 feet in something like 60 seconds at a speed of about 2,000 miles per hour."

Bell officials declined to discuss the report.

# Reprieves Blasted By British Judge

LONDON (P)—A high court justice says British judges have been deprived of the power to fix the final sentence in many murder cases.

"In almost every case of a murder which is not premeditated the home secretary grants a reprieve," Sir Alfred Denning, a lord justice of appeal, told a commission.

"The sentence of death pronounced by the court is a useless anachronism. The function of the judge to assess the sentence in public is being exercised by some unknown person in private—by the home secretary or his advisers."

Sir Alfred said the reason is that courts and doctors apply different rules in determining whether a killer is sane.

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# Lutherans Plan Twelfth Night Rites Friday

Burning of Christmas trees, singing of carols and a social hour will comprise the second annual observance of Twelfth Night by St. Mark Lutheran church on Friday, with the public invited.

The day, also known as Epiphany, commemorates the arrival of the wise men to present gifts to Christ at Bethlehem. It is widely celebrated in European countries.

Participants will meet at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the L. J. Stewart place, one-quarter mile east of Four Corners on State street, to burn their evergreens in an open field. After singing of carols they will return to the church about 8:45 p. m. for recreation and refreshments.

Persons who cannot attend the program may leave their trees at the church, according to Oscar Ludahl, Sunday school superintendent, in charge of the event.

Assisting are Mark Gehlar, entertainment; Dr. Mark Geisen-daner, singing; Mrs. Ludahl, refreshments.

# Isaiah Elbert Rites Tuesday

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Clough-Barrick chapel for Isaiah Elbert, resident of the Salem area for the past 47 years, who died Saturday morning following a long illness. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 28, 1866, Elbert came to the United States in 1890. The family moved to Salem from Santa Cruz, Calif., 47 years ago. Elbert had been a farmer in Polk county for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Elbert, Salem, and George Elbert, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Mary Lachelle, Salem, and a granddaughter, Sharon Elbert, Salem.

The first lighthouse built by the federal government was put up in 1791 on the tip of Cape Henry, Va., and served 90 years.

# Ambushers Shoot Gambler In Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 31 (P)—Shotgun-armed ambushers tonight tried to kill Herbert Noble, self-styled retired gambler and a central figure in Dallas gang warfare that has taken two lives recently.

Noble was blasted as he stepped onto the front porch of his home here.

One charge of buckshot fractured his left hip and another tore into his left arm. He fell backwards inside the house to escape further injury.

Noble told his daughter, Miss Frieda Noble that his attackers were parked in front of the house in a new car equipped with a spot light.

Noble was shot exactly one week after the ambush slaying of a Dallas underworld leader, Lois Green, at a night club here.

Green had been questioned in the death of Noble's wife a month earlier. Mrs. Noble was killed by a bomb planted in her husband's car and evidently intended for him.

Tonight is the fourth time Noble has been wounded by unidentified attackers.

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