

4 Men Believed Drowned, Police Drag Alsea Bay

Four men apparently drowned on wind-swept Alsea Bay on the Oregon Coast, state police reported Sunday after a boat was found beached on the north shore.

They were identified as Lyle Marion King, 44, the father of five children; Henry Lee King, 24, the father of three; Alton Robert King, 42, the father of two; and Loren McWhorter, 25, the father of four.

The three Kings were brothers. They and McWhorter all were loggers from Alpine in Benton County, Oregon.

Police said the four left Waldport at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in a rented boat en route to a point across the bay where they were employed as loggers and pile drivers.

Search Begins
When they failed to arrive, a search was launched.

The boat was found Sunday morning by George and Ray Hunter, Waldport, and Leo Jench, Tillamook. It was upside down, leading police to speculate it had been turned over by wind-whipped waves in the bay.

The families of the missing men spent most of Sunday at Waldport while police dragged the bay.

Dragging will resume Monday, weather permitting.

The four deaths would raise the Oregon New Year weekend violent death toll to eight.

Three persons died in a traffic mishap and one was burned to death since the grim count started at 6 p.m. Dec. 31.

Mary Lynn Padgett, 5-year-old daughter of Gordon E. Padgett, of Newport, Ore., died in a Portland hospital Saturday from burns suffered when her nightgown caught fire. Details of the accident were meager, but it was reported that the child's nightgown was ignited by flames from a fireplace.

Traffic Victims
The other victims, all of whom died from traffic accidents, injuries, were:

Oscar Peter Farsdale, 73, Portland, who was killed Saturday night when struck by an automobile on New Year's Day.

Robert Harrison Darnell, 63, Astoria, who was hit by an automobile as he walked across a road in Astoria on New Year's Day.

Mrs. J. A. Livingston, 43, Glide, who also died Jan. 1 when a car plunged off a narrow road east of Roseburg.

"Many turn out to be huge, 90-foot balloons now used in upper-air research. Others are the planet Venus or inversion reflections." But some reports still remain a mystery. Nearly all involve objects detected at night by radar and seen as lights in the sky.

Recently I had a letter from a former colleague at United Nations, a member of the South African embassy at Washington. He reported an experience with flying saucers. I quote from his letter:

"On Friday night, December 11, my family and I were driving on the New Jersey Turnpike to New York. When about 50 miles from that city, we suddenly saw a bright saucer-like object dart across the sky and disappear from sight. It was followed

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PW Repatriate Welcomed by Bride in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Cpl. Claude Batchelor hurried Sunday into the eager arms of his Japanese bride whose letters wined him away from a pro-Red prison camp in Korea and urged her to write others of the 21 Americans still there.

"I think you can help me get some of my friends to come back," the Kermit, Tex. soldier told Kyoko Araki after their first fervent reunion at a Tokyo Army hospital.

"Write letters to my buddies just like those you wrote to me. You can tell them how happy I am in the reunion with my wife. Some of them have wives. Maybe your letters will make them want to come back."

He told her the name of one American in particular but Kyoko, when she emerged with tear-stained face from the four-hour reunion, said he had cautioned her not to make it public.

Kyoko explained that her tears were tears of joy and that her lanky husband had renounced Communism during their meeting.

"I said to him 'I hope you don't like the Communists.'"

"And he said back to me 'You know I don't. I have studied Communism three years and I don't like it.'"

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Camel Causes Indiana Wreck

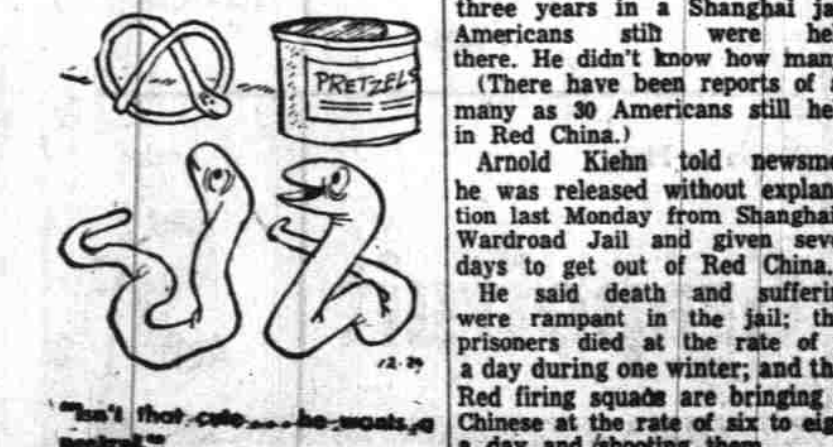
ROCHESTER, Ind. (AP)—Richard O. Wilson of Plymouth was out for a quiet family drive through this northern Indiana city Sunday when one of his children cried out:

"Look, daddy, that man just fell off of that camel."

Sure enough. The wind had toppled a papier mache man off a camel in a Christmas display on the courthouse lawn.

By the time Wilson turned his attention back to driving, his car had rammed into the back end of another car. Nobody was hurt.

Animal Crackers



It's that cute... he wants a pet!

Trio of World's Best-Dressed Women



NEW YORK—The 1953 list of the world's best-dressed women includes Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby (left), only woman member of the Eisenhower cabinet; Mrs. William Paley (center), wife of the head of the Columbia Broadcasting System; and Mrs. Winston Guest, of New York and Palm Beach. Mrs. Paley is first on the list, with Mrs. Guest second and Mrs. Hobby sixth. List is compiled on basis of an international poll conducted by the New York Dress Institute. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

U.S. Holiday Deaths Short Of Estimate

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
New Year's holiday traffic deaths were below forecasts Sunday night as the 78-hour weekend neared its close.

At 12:30 a.m. (EST) Monday the traffic death toll was 288. Thirty nine persons lost their lives in fires and 64 deaths were attributed to miscellaneous causes. The total was 391.

The National Safety Council had estimated that 360 persons would die in traffic accidents during the three-day weekend beginning Thursday at 6 p.m. (local time) and ending midnight Sunday.

Sunday night, Ned Dearborn, president of the council, said "The National Safety Council is delighted that its estimate of 360 is off. I means the motorists are driving more carefully, as we so often urged them to do."

Dearborn said the low toll can be attributed to:

1. Good weather which means good roads
2. The incessant and constant emphasis by the press, television and radio in safe driving campaigns.
3. The shock of the huge death toll during the Christmas holiday period when 523 persons died in traffic accidents, which resulted in a "happy hangover" for the new year.
4. A number of states have stepped up traffic enforcement.

In a non-holiday 78-hour weekend survey last month, The Associated Press reported 310 traffic fatalities.

Meanwhile, tragedy struck in the form of fire in Montana, where five persons, including three children, were killed in a blaze at Hardin.

'Ski Widow' Role Safer, Woman Finds

Determined to quit the role of "ski widow," Mrs. D. W. Burroughs, 2025 N. 18th St., tried her luck on a gentle slope at Hoodoo Bowl Saturday afternoon.

Sunday she was admitted to Salem General Hospital with a fractured right ankle.

It was Mrs. Burroughs' first time on skis, according to her husband who, along with the couple's son, is an ardent ski enthusiast.

Salem Area Classrooms Reopen Today

Pupils from first grade through seniors in college will return to their classrooms and books in Salem this morning after the annual Christmas holiday vacation.

For some 64 grade pupils in the Meuningside district it will mean shifting studies to brand new surroundings in the just-completed Morningside School at South 12th and Strong Road. They have been continuing their education at Hoover, Garfield and Richmond schools while workmen rushed the school to completion after several delays.

But for most students—and teachers—it will mean picking up where they left off Dec. 23, in the case of Salem Public and parochial schools, and Dec. 8, in the case of students at Willamette University.

Others from Salem, getting their education at University of Oregon, Oregon State College, Oregon College of Education and way points, began the exodus back to school Saturday and Sunday so as to be on the scene for classes this morning.

Greyhound Bus officials reported as many as six and seven extra sections on each schedule, mostly to carry returning students to college towns Sunday night.

Brother Says He's Not Dead, Checks Corpse

CHICAGO (AP)—Harold Glynn, 35, viewed a body Saturday in the Cook County morgue and said, "Yes, that's my brother, Claremont. Poor fellow. I'll go to his home and break the news to his daughter."

Instead of breaking down as Glynn expected her to, Mrs. Shirley Augustine said:

"It can't be true. He just left home a few minutes ago."

Harold found brother Claremont and they both went to the morgue where attendants also were shocked at the close resemblance of the dead man and Claremont.

The description of the victim, and of Claremont: 54-years-old, 5 feet, 7 inches, and about 150 pounds.

The man apparently died of a heart attack.

U.S. Businessman Freed by Chinese Reds After 3 Years in Shanghai Jail

HONG KONG (AP)—A 44-year-old China-born American businessman, lame and near sighted from beri beri, arrived Sunday from three years in a Shanghai jail. Americans still were held there. He didn't know how many. (There have been reports of as many as 30 Americans still held in Red China.)

Arnold Kiehn told newsmen he was released without explanation last Monday from Shanghai's Wardroad Jail and given seven days to get out of Red China.

He said death and suffering were rampant in the jail; that prisoners died at the rate of 15 a day during one winter; and that Red firing squads are bringing in Chinese at the rate of six to eight a day and shooting them.

Kiehn, who spent 30 years in China but claims Santa Barbara, Calif., as his home, said he was thrown in jail in 1950 on a trumped-up charge of failing to report ownership of firearms.

Last summer he forced a trial by going on a hunger strike and was sentenced to four years. Kiehn had no idea why the Reds released him.

He said five others—three Russians, a Pole and an Italian—also were let go about the same time.

Most of 1951 he was in solitary confinement with his arms and legs shackled.

Living on a diet of thin rice, his weight dropped from 185 to 85—but in July of 1952 guards be-

Polk Official New 'Taxpayers' Man of the Year

PORTLAND (AP)—Edward B. Hamilton, Polk County clerk, Sunday was named "taxpayers' man of the year" by Oregon Business and Tax Research.

The privately sponsored tax investigation organization cited Hamilton for "turning back to the county \$4479 or nearly 25 per cent of his 1952-53 budget while adding efficiency features to his office operation."

F. H. Young, manager of the organization, said a similar award will be made annually.

Senators Hold Secret Talks With Gouzenko

MONTREAL (AP)—A four-man U. S. Senate investigating team was believed to be holding its much-publicized secret interview with Igor Gouzenko somewhere in eastern Canada Sunday night.

Senator William Jenner (R-Ind) and Pat McCarran (Nev) of the Senate internal security subcommittee arrived in Montreal early Sunday, accompanied by a committee lawyer and a government reporter.

They were met by U. S. Ambassador Douglas Stuart and J. R. LeMieux, superintendent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Following a news conference they were driven through a blizzard in an RCMP station wagon to the closely guarded Windsor Hotel where they were in conference with LeMieux for six hours.

The conference was held in the ambassador's fourth-floor suite and later in another suite on the third floor.

House Detectives
The presence of house detectives—as tight-lipped as the mounties—led to speculation that Gouzenko, who broke Soviet code clerk who broke open Russia's atom spy ring in 1945, had been spirited into the hotel and that the interview already was in progress.

Later, however, a reporter saw the Canadian-American party making its way downstairs. The Americans and their Canadian escorts waited in a side room for the arrival of an official car. No Comment

LeMieux told reporters there would be no statement. He would not say whether the senators were getting out to see Gouzenko or whether they would return to the United States Sunday night.

Tombstone Kills Boy

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Nine-year-old Mario LaGrage was killed Sunday when his grandfather's tombstone toppled over on him while he was weeding the grave.

Washington's Holiday Toll Stands at 0

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—State Patrol officials waited out the waning hours of the long New Year's holiday weekend with fingers crossed and the hope that Washington would set an astonishing record of going the entire 78 hours without a single traffic fatality.

Not a traffic death had been reported in the state from 6 p.m., Thursday, when the holiday counting began, to Sunday night. The holiday period ended at midnight Sunday.

Seven deaths occurred in the same period a year ago. State Patrol Chief James H. Pryde had predicted the 1953 New Year's weekend toll would be four.

The patrol credited the "clean slate" to increasing driver caution and the continuing campaign for traffic safety.

U.N. Flatly Declares PWs to Become Free At Midnight Jan. 22

Sharp Clash With Commies Anticipated

MUNSAN (AP)—The United Nations command Monday flatly declared that all anti-Communist prisoners will become civilians at midnight, Jan. 22, and free to go where they choose.

A formal letter to Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya, Indian chairman of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission, placed the blame for the breakdown of prisoner explanations squarely on the Reds.

And the letter, from Gen. John E. Hull, U.N. commander, rejected a NNRC majority report charging the U.N.C. had tried to control anti-Red prisoners by "agents provocateur."

Gen. Thimayya's first reaction appeared to be an agreement with Gen. Hull on the release of prisoners. "It has always been the Indian position," he told newsmen, "that the two sides must agree to any detention of the prisoners after Jan. 22. If the two sides do not agree, we will, of course, have to devise some means of releasing them."

Qualifies Stand
However, 90 minutes later—after an NNRC meeting—Gen. Thimayya qualified that by saying, "We will have to decide how this problem is to be solved. If there is a wide difference we will have to discuss what to do."

There is almost certain to be "a wide difference." The Communists are expected to take the strongest possible stand against freeing the prisoners until a political conference decides their fate.

Found 135 Willing
The NNRC Monday again discussed Red objections to the Indian head count last week which, ironically, turned up 135 prisoners who wanted to return to Communist control. No further details of the meeting were divulged.

General Hull's letter bitterly rejected the NNRC majority report in which the Indians sided with the Communists, Czechs and Poles in blaming the U.N.C. for collapse of the prisoners explanations. (Additional Details on Page 5)

Husband's Trek Saves Family Caught in Snow

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A mother and her two children who spent 12 chilly hours marooned in a snowbound automobile north-west of here were rescued early Sunday after the woman's husband struggled 11 miles through deep drifts and found help.

A stock rancher and his wife used a farm tractor and another car in the dramatic rescue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted J. Wright of Klamath Falls and their two children left here Saturday afternoon on a 33-mile drive to Lake of the Woods in the Cascade Mountains. Wright said they got off on a side road usually closed during the winter.

Car Stalled
A sudden wind and snow storm stalled the Wrights' car and drifting snow nearly covered it. Wright left his family huddled under a piece of canvas in the back seat, and started hiking back toward Klamath Falls in the still-raging blizzard.

Nearly exhausted at midnight after walking 11 miles, Wright flagged down Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Wampler who were returning by car to their nearby stock ranch. Wampler and Wright used the tractor to plow back to the stalled car and Mrs. Wampler followed in her automobile. They reached the scene about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Wright and the children, Betty, 14 and Eddy, only 4, still were in the car, curled under the canvas with their small cocker spaniel.

Taken to Ranch
The Wrights were taken to Wampler's ranch where they were recovering from exposure Sunday. They had had nothing to eat since Saturday afternoon and wore only light clothing.

An emergency state road crew recovered the stalled auto Sunday afternoon.

Windy Storm Leaves Snow In Mountains

A double-punch storm which caused considerable damage in the Willamette Valley over the weekend continued to pile snow on the Cascades Sunday and made mountain travel hazardous.

Winds with gusts up to 54 miles an hour were reported in Salem early this morning and are expected to reach 60 miles an hour before 5 a.m. when a fast moving front is expected to pass. Heavy rain is forecast during the frontal passage, weathermen said.

Snow was falling at both Santiam and Willamette Passes early this morning, state police reported, and Coast Highway 18 was snow-covered in the Grand Ronde area Sunday night. Highway 99 south of Medford was reported ice-glazed and police advised all motorists heading for mountain areas to carry chains.

Snow Reported
Foothills all along the eastern edge of the Willamette Valley had covering of snow Sunday morning with two inches reported at Silver Falls Park and considerable more in the upper reaches of the Santiam Canyon.

Fern Ridge Heights just east of Stayton had its first snow coating of the season but nearly all of it washed off during the day Sunday.

Electric service was disrupted early this morning in East Salem area bordering State Street, Portland General Electric officials reported, and individual outages were reported elsewhere in Salem.

Chehalis River Sweeps Away Cofferdam

ABERDEEN, Wash. (AP)—A giant cofferdam being used in early stages of work on a new 5 million dollar Chehalis River bridge here collapsed Sunday, doing heavy damage and setting back construction several weeks.

No one was injured, but contracting company officials said several workmen would have been killed if the cofferdam had given way during a week-day.

A bystander, Wayne Lundgren, about 65, was washed into the river by the huge wave which the cofferdam's "implosion" set up. He was quickly rescued by the watchman on the bridge job, Darrell Green, who had moved here late last week from Seattle.

Toppled Crane
The wave also toppled a big crane and 20-inch pump into 35-feet of water, and broke windows of houseboats moored along the banks.

The rectangular cofferdam, about 75x100 feet around and some 50 feet deep, was completed last week. The water inside was pumped out last Thursday and concrete footings for a main pier of the bridge were to have been poured at the bottom of the cofferdam Monday.

Lundgren was standing on the pier watching the cofferdam when the resulting wave swept him off. Green managed to reach out and grab him before he was carried away.

There was no immediate estimate from McRae Bros., Seattle, the contractor, on the cause of the cofferdam's collapse or extent of the damage.

Old Church Records in Sealed Box

Church records and newspapers of over three decades ago were among items found in the small copper box which rested behind the cornerstone of the old St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 32 years.

The box, hermetically sealed, was opened by the Rev. George H. Swift, rector, Sunday night at the annual parish meeting in the new building. Over 350 persons were present for the opening.

Included in the box were the names of the vestry of the church when the old building was dedicated in July, 1922 and the names of the building committee. The Rev. Henry D. Chambers, now deceased, was rector at that time and served until 1929 when the Rev. Mr. Swift was called.

Newspapers, including The Statesman, The Oregonian and Capital Journal, created the greatest interest among persons present when the box was opened, according to Rector Swift. Many persons at the parish meeting could recall incidents listed in the three papers, he said.

Also included was a small American flag. All items in the box were in surprisingly good condition, he added.

Contents of the box together with articles of a similar nature from the present congregation will be sealed behind the cornerstone of the new building during dedication ceremonies Jan. 31, Rector Swift explained.

Razing of the old building at Church and Chemsaketa Streets is expected to start this week, he added.

Woman Hurt As Bus Slides Off Highway

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A Greyhound bus, loaded to capacity with 39 passengers, rammed the rear end of an automobile and skidded off the highway north of here Sunday.

Only one passenger was injured, state police said. They identified her as Jessie Fish, 1226 W. 13th St., Vancouver, B.C.

Police said the bus, en route from San Francisco to Portland, hit an icy patch on snow-covered Highway 97 about 30 miles north of here at 4:30 p.m. The bus then rammed a car in which Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Casperson of Spokane, Wash., were riding. They were not hurt. The car plunged off one side of the highway and the bus went over the other side.

William R. Pisu of Brooks, Ore., was driver of the bus. The injured woman, who suffered a broken nose and facial cuts, was taken by ambulance to a Klamath Falls hospital.

Commie Paper Titles Provide Joke in Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—Berliners are chuckling at a new anti-Communist joke out of the Communist sector. It goes like this:

Herr Schmidt wants to buy the Communist papers—Freedom and New Germany. So he goes to a news stand and asks:

"Have you got a New Germany?"

"No."

"Have you got Freedom?"

"No."

"When will you have Freedom?"

"When we have a new Germany."

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	44	35	0
Portland	45	38	0
San Francisco	48	49	14
Chicago	36	31	Trace
New York	46	42	0

Willamette River 4.2 feet
Forecast from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy with rain this morning. Partly cloudy with showers this afternoon and tonight. Cloudy with rain Tuesday and little change in temperature. High today near 44 and low tonight near 34. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. 44.

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