

Traffic Accidents Claim 21 Lives in County in '54

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Twenty-one lives were snuffed out in traffic accidents on the roads of Marion County during 1954.

The death toll exceeded by four the figure for the preceding year. Salem had five traffic fatalities, more than twice the 1953 toll. Victims of the year's accidents included a 15-month-old girl, a

two-year-old boy, two teen-agers and 11 persons who were 50 or older.

Three of the dead were pedestrians. Two were involved in car-train collisions. Five were killed in head-on crashes. One man died after his car was struck by an ambulance enroute to another fatal accident, and a motorcyclist was killed when his vehicle overturned. Nine of the victims—more than half the total—were killed in ac-

cidents involving only single vehicles which strayed off the road.

Five in Six Months
The first half of 1954 saw the fewest fatalities. Five persons died in crashes during the first six months of the year, compared with 16 deaths in the final six-month period.

Three months—January, March and July—were free from fatalities. Longest time without a highway death was a 58-day period from June 16 to Aug. 13.

December was the most deadly month of 1954 on the highways, with five fatalities. The county's worst single crash of the year, in which a teen-ager Salem girl and two young companions were killed, occurred during December.

The first Marion County traffic victim of 1954 was 76-year-old Fred George Kuhre of 698 Catterlin St., a retired farmer, who was killed instantly Feb. 2 when his car was demolished by the Shasta Daylight at the Madison Street crossing. The car was dragged 512 feet after the crash.

Pedestrian Killed

A woman pedestrian, Mrs. Doris E. Manny, 60, was pronounced dead on arrival at a Salem hospital Feb. 11 after an accident involving a car driven by James G. Greenlee, 72. Mrs. Manny, whose home was at 764 N. Cottage St., was a State Tax Commission employee. She was struck by the car at the intersection of Court and Church streets.

Third traffic victim of the year was a woman convicted of manslaughter who was being taken to the state prison to begin a one-year sentence. The dead woman, Mrs. Opha Clement, 35, was killed April 2 when a car driven by a Grant County deputy sheriff swerved off State Highway 222 near Detroit Dam and crashed down an embankment.

Albert G. Mounts, 78, a farmer from the Marion area, was killed May 14 when his car was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train near the Marion railroad station.

Dies of Injuries

An Oregon State Hospital attendant, Benjamin Merle Enaley, 43, became the county's fifth traffic fatality June 16 when he died of injuries received when his 1928 car veered off the highway and crashed into a road bank three weeks before.

Two young children died beneath the wheels of moving motor vehicles on Aug. 13, raising the year's traffic toll to seven.

Two-year-old Clint Marvin DeLeon was killed instantly when he fell under the wheels of a truck trailer as he darted across North Commercial Street to join playmates. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton DeLeon of 1393 N. Commercial St.

The other child who was killed on the same day was Rhonda Lovone Thornton, 15 months, who died in the driveway of her parents' Idanha home when her father backed his car over her.

Eighth and ninth victims of the year were Ross H. Bell, 40, and Robert D. Lietzke, 42½, both of Portland, who died of injuries received Sept. 7 when Bell's car careened off a highway divider and smashed into a tree near the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Lancaster Drive. Bell was killed almost instantly. Lietzke died in a Salem hospital the following night.

Plunge Into River

A Mehama logger, Floyd H. Monroe, 65, died Sept. 22 in a stay-of-injuries received when a truck driven by his son left the road and dropped into the North Santiam River about three miles above Idanha. Four other men were injured in the accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. O'Quinn of San Francisco, Calif., became the county's 11th and 12th fatalities Oct. 6 in a head-on collision on the Pacific Highway south of Salem. Another couple and their two children were hurt in the crash. O'Quinn was 62, his wife 60.

Thirteenth victim of the year was Sylvester Annen, 37, Mt. Angel, who died Oct. 9 when his motorcycle overturned near Monitor.

A head-on collision with a freight truck Oct. 12 resulted in the death of Mrs. Fern Creason, 32, of Woodburn, mother of three children. The accident occurred on the Pacific Highway between Salem and Woodburn on a wet, foggy night.

Hit by Trailer Truck

Mrs. Fanny Miller, 75, of Campo, Colo., died in a Salem hospital Oct. 19, several hours after a three-vehicle crash on the Pacific Highway near Woodburn. The car in which she was riding collided head-on with another car and bounced into the path of a trailer truck.

Another head-on collision Nov. 25 resulted in the death of Ray Thurston Smith, 70, of Portland, eight miles south of Salem on the Pacific Highway. His death was the year's 16th in Marion County. Seventeenth traffic victim in 1954 was Catherine Frances Bielemeier, 62, of 2385 Fairgrounds Rd., who died when her car went out of control on Silverton Road and crashed into a house at 2690 Sedona Ave.

An 18-year-old Salem girl and two Albany youths were killed early Dec. 19 when their car careened off an icy road and crashed into a tree.

Dead in the accident, which occurred on Fruitland Road about five miles east of Salem, were Charlotte Lennon, 1935 Maple St., Bryant Foster, 20, and Manley Mundorf, 19. Two other Albany youths were injured in the crash. Final traffic victim of the year in Marion County was Martin Olsen, 70, who died Dec. 20 in a Salem hospital where he had been unconscious for 163 days. He had been injured Sept. 1 in a collision with an ambulance enroute to the accident which claimed the lives of Bell and Lietzke.

Nelson Ends Justice Duty

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SILVERTON — This district's justice of the peace, Alf O. Nelson, will end nearly 20 years of service on the bench here Saturday.

He did not seek re-election in November. He will be succeeded Monday by Quintin B. Estill, who was elected in November.

Nelson was appointed to the post by Gov. Charles Martin in 1935 and has heard 5,500 cases, of which only two have been appealed to a higher court.

He was re-elected to the office three times. Nelson will devote his future time to private law practice here.

He lives at 510 Main St.

HAPPY OIL

DALLAS, Tex. (INS) — An oil boom is foreseen in the gulf coast area of Mexico. Antonio J. Bermudez, head of Mexico's state-owned oil industry, said, while stopping briefly in Dallas, that the mineral resources in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec "will cause a great deal of economic happiness" in Vera Cruz and coastal cities to the south.

STAR GAZER

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Year Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop message for Saturday,
read words corresponding to numbers
of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Don't	31 New	61 They
2 Give	32 You're	62 Today
3 Forget	33 Attractive	63 Tidings
4 Romance	34 It's	64 Come
5 Rely	35 From	65 That
6 Be	36 Your	66 This
7 Heavily	37 Year	67 Or
8 Special	38 Move	68 Evening
9 Get	39 Fresh	69 Dependence
10 On	40 And	70 Promise
11 Careful	41 Sick	71 Have
12 Now	42 Start	72 Security
13 Keep	43 With	73 Financial
14 And	44 Today	74 Mistakes
15 Cooperation	45 The	75 Better
16 Clear	46 You	76 Days
17 Of	47 And	77 Meaning
18 First	48 To	78 Ignore
19 Day	49 Accomplish	79 Bring
20 In	50 Much	80 Immediate
21 Attention	51 Established	81 Superior
22 A	52 Should	82 Sex
23 Love	53 Pets	83 In
24 Of	54 Year's	84 Criticism
25 Less	55 Ties	85 Today
26 To	56 Magnetic	86 Gain
27 Spending	57 Air	87 Anyone
28 Last	58 To	88 Store
29 Dealing	59 Important	89 Opposition
30 Single	60 Opposite	90 Now

Good Adverse Neutral

REVEALING VOTE

CARLOCK, Ill. (U) — The cat is out of the bag as to who considers women good drivers. Mrs. Berna Hoffmann asked the school board to hire her as a substitute bus driver. She won a vote of confidence and the job. The vote: Four male members, yes; lone female member, no.

Free World Recovery in '54 Fosters Strength, Says Dulles

WASHINGTON (U) — Secretary of State Dulles declared Friday the Free World's ability to bounce back from adversity in 1954 has fostered unity and strength for dealing with the Communists in 1955.

"As a result," he told a news

conference, "the danger of general war recedes."

Dulles added a word of caution: "But we must beware of over-confidence. Hostile forces remain strong and implacable and they are operating with even greater guile than heretofore."

Dulles' prescription for 1955, as he voiced it in his prepared "year end review" statement, is: Vigilance and unity.

"Peace will never be won if men reserve for war their greatest efforts," he commented, "peace, too, requires well-directed and sustained sacrificial endeavor."

Summing up the events of 1954, Dulles said, "There has been substantial gain." He also cited two setbacks — the Indochina truce which divided the area with the Communists; and France's rejection of the European Defense Community which would have created a one-uniform West European Army.

But even from these adversities, Dulles said, the West was able to wrest victories. Out of Indochina came the Manila defense pact, he said, and out of EDC's death came the Western European Union plan approved Thursday by the French National Assembly.

"Thus when there has been adversity the Free World has shown a capacity to react to it," Dulles declared. Then he touted up solutions which the Free World had found to unity-threatening controversies:

The Italy-Yugoslavia dispute over Trieste, the Britain-Egypt quarrel over the Suez base, the Britain-Iran oil row and the France-Germany discord on the Saar.

Going on in this vein, Dulles declared the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), made some far-reaching decisions. Similarly, he said, the 21 American states affirmed at Caracas their determination to keep communism out of the Western Hemisphere.

Middle East defenses began to take shape with the Turkey-Pakistan pact, and Western Pacific security was strengthened with the Manila treaty and U. S. agreements with South Korea and Nationalist China.

As to the United Nations, Dulles said, that international organization has shown "increased vigor." He singled out U. N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjold's trip to Peking to seek release of 11 Americans and other U. N. personnel, and the U. N. Assembly's approval of President Eisenhower's atom-for-peace plan.

Crash Ends In Arrest for Salem Driver

A Salem man was arrested on charge of reckless driving early Friday morning after a car struck a parked vehicle on N. Portland road; city police reported.

Officers said Bobby Hutton, 1165 Hoyt St., was arrested following the 2:15 a.m. hit and run accident in the 3100 block of Portland road, near Lana Avenue. The car sped on after striking the other vehicle and was finally halted near Pine and Brooks streets, according to officers.

Police listed the owner of the parked car as Harvey L. McCrary of Eugene, and said it received moderate rear-end damage. A front fender of the Hutton car was smashed but no injuries were reported.

Hutton pleaded guilty to the charge Friday morning in municipal court and was fined \$50.

House Looted By Burglars

A Salem family lost approximately \$7 in a Thursday night burglary at the residence.

City police said a pass key was employed to gain entrance to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rucker, 609 N. 18th St. The thieves took a \$5 bill from a billfold in the living room of the home and removed about \$2 from a woman's purse while the family was sleeping, police said.

Investigation indicated entry was first made into a garage before the pass key was used on a kitchen door. Officers said the billfold was left in the house but the purse was later found at the rear of the residence.

Brooks Cafeman Pleads Guilty Of 'Slot' Charges

A Brooks man pleaded guilty in Marion County District Court Friday to a charge of operating a slot machine.

The man, Urshel Hadley, was fined \$100. He admitted operating a nickel-in-the-slot machine at his Brooknook Restaurant, Brooks. He was arrested Aug. 21. Sheriff Denver Young was ordered to destroy the pinball machine and turn over any coins found in the machine to the county treasurer.

Jamming on brakes is the most frequent cause of skidding on slippery roads.

Inaugural Tickets Placed in Mails

Tickets for the formal inaugural of Gov. Paul Patterson Jan. 10 were put in the mails Friday. State officials in charge said they had mailed 520 tickets, covering the entire seating capacity of the House of Representatives where the recently elected governor will be sworn in and will deliver his message to the 1955 Legislature on its opening day.

For the first time a special section of 40 seats will be reserved for the governor's family and close friends.

Other tickets were mailed to the legislators, top state officials and other dignitaries.

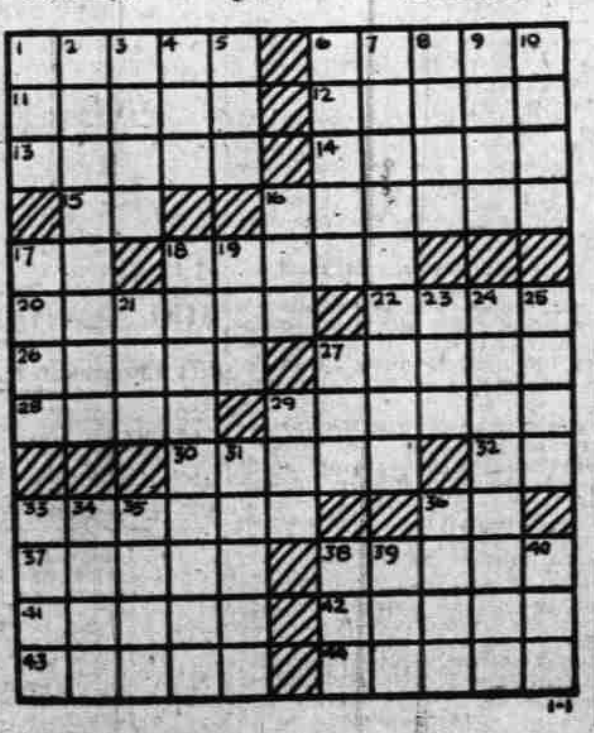
DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Bid | 1. Ancient |
| 6. Suffered pain | 2. American admiral |
| 11. Immense | 3. Cleaving tool |
| 12. Northernmost part of inhabitable world | 4. Self |
| 13. Sag | 5. Twilled fabric |
| 14. A common weed | 6. Oil of rose petals |
| 15. Music note | 7. A woman singer (Fr.) |
| 16. Sacred river of India | 8. Suspended |
| 17. Music note | 9. Otherwise |
| 18. Sudden outburst | 10. Title of former Algerian governor (pl.) |
| 20. Playing marbles | 11. Man's nickname |
| 22. River in France | |
| 26. Spring flower | |
| 27. Harmonized | |
| 28. Stair | |
| 29. Blending, as molten metal | |
| 30. Combine | |
| 32. Electrical Engineer (abbr.) | |
| 33. Mischievous | |
| 36. King of Bashan (Bib.) | |
| 37. Mohammedanism | |
| 38. Species of goat antelope | |
| 41. Kind of rock | |
| 42. Sultan's decree | |
| 43. Carried | |
| 44. Bound together, as hay | |

SPARE WORDS
POPE, LIEGE, RIOTS, APPLE, RINGS, MOLES, AC, BASS, APPLES, CAD, BEANS, PEEVE, RES, COLDER, COCOA, NI, PAVOR, HATS, SEVENTEEN, RACQU, RETIRE, PAVEN, LUTES, RAYON

Yesterday's Answer

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| 17. Oily substances | 34. Capital (Nor.) |
| 18. Arrange ex-pressly | 35. Cry out |
| 19. Vitality | 36. Spoken |
| 21. Malt beverage | 38. Tomcat |
| 23. One: comb. form | 39. Openings (anat.) |
| 24. Traitor | 40. Guided |
| 25. Border | |
| 27. Exclamation | |
| 29. Paddle-like process | |
| 31. French city | |
| 33. Essential part | |



Bowers Heads Hospital Board

Floyd K. Bowers was elected president of the board of trustees of Salem Memorial Hospital at a Thursday night meeting. Bowers succeeds Charles Heltzel in the position.

Kenneth Perry was named vice president and Arthur Erickson was elected secretary-treasurer. Bowers, Perry, Heltzel and Loyal Warner were named for a further three-year term on the board.

A liaison committee was appointed to meet with representatives of Salem General Hospital from time to time on problems of community interest. The committee is comprised of A. C. Haag, chairman; Loyal Warner and Arthur Erickson.

Mrs. Meyers, Formerly of Salem Dies

Mrs. Einer Meyers, 66, a former resident of Salem, died Friday at Coquille, according to information received here.

Mrs. Meyers and her husband were married in Salem and resided here for a number of years prior to moving to Coquille to make their home. She was a native of Norway.

Surviving are the widower, Einer Meyers of Coquille; a daughter, Mrs. Ross Rooten of Coos Bay; a brother in Norway, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday in Coquille, with graveside services scheduled at 4 p.m. in Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem.

Fire Damages Lumber Kiln

Flames damaged a dry kiln roof Friday morning at the West Coast Lumber firm's mill at Murlock and Bassett streets, firemen reported.

A large hole was burned in one section of the kiln's laminated roof, but no other damage was reported. Firemen attributed the fire to flames in a hot air pipe leading from a furnace to the kiln. The alarm was turned in about 8 a.m.

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