

Survivors Describe Fatal Train Mishap

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I felt like a die in a dice game . . . So said one of the survivors of the wreck Sunday night of a two-car Santa Fe diesel train bound for San Diego. Here are their accounts:

Lenwood Lester, San Diego, a passenger on the train:

"I was sitting on the aisle seat, on the left side of the train. My wife (Mrs. Dorothy Lester, 35, who was killed) was in the window seat on the left side of the aisle. We were going around a slight curve when I pointed to the Sears Roebuck store on our left. She was talking about the store when suddenly the car started to tilt and

the luggage fell off the racks on the other side."

Lester then broke down in tears and was unable to continue talking. He was not injured himself.

Near Window

Marine Capt. Roger Barnard, 26, Triangle, Va., en route from Los Angeles to Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside:

"I was sitting in the window seat on the left side. The train tilted. I saw the suitcases start coming down, but I got down on the seat. There was no one sitting next to me."

"I felt like a die in a dice game."

"The lights went out and then came on again. I got out through the window on the left side even though the car had fallen over on its left side. There was still some room to crawl through the window and roll ourselves out. There must have been a little depression there. I got only a small bruise."

Jerry Rowland, 18, Whitewater, Wis., a communications technician with the Navy, stationed at Imperial Beach, Calif., said he was en route to his base.

'Kent Easing'

"I was in the first car," Rowland said. "We went around the corner where you could see the Sears store out the window. As we eased around the curve, we kept on easing."

"We went too far. People started yelling and screaming. I was flipped out of my seat."

"Then some of the Navy and Marine personnel started yelling for everybody to be calm. Suddenly everybody quieted down. I got out through the back window. Somebody broke our glass from the outside and we climbed out. I was not hurt."

Charles Lipton, 72, El Cajon, Calif., sat in a receiving hospital awaiting word about his wife, Eva, who was sitting next to him in the second car when it left the track.

Car Lurched

"The car seemed to lurch to the left just before there was a terrific crash, just as though the rail might have split," Lipton said. "People were pitched to the front of the car and we were buried under I don't know how many bodies."

"Some were trying to climb over the pile and there were shouts that there was no use trying to get out the front of the car — that it was blocked. That didn't seem to keep some people from climbing up to the top of the pile."

"It was dark, and the yelling and moaning added to the confusion as some of us tried to grope free. I must have been thrown some distance from my seat. I called to my wife from time to time, but there was no use. When we got free of the car, finally, I looked at the bodies that were outside along the track but she wasn't there."

Lipton, who operates a gift shop, formerly was a travel agent for the Greyhound Bus Co.

Drive Chief



Ted Ogden (above), Willamette University football and track coach, who will be in charge of the Salem YMCA's annual membership campaign, scheduled to take place early in February.

Congressional Brakes 'Halt' War in Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.) said Sunday the United States "would have been over the brink and into war" in Indochina but for brakes applied by congressional leaders.

McCormack, the House Democratic leader, said top legislators of both parties advised a slowdown at a meeting in Secretary of State Dulles' office in April, 1954.

He said in a television interview there was talk at that gathering of "a mass air attack upon the Communists who were besieging Dien Bien Phu."

Elaborating later to a reporter, McCormack said the congressional leaders advised Dulles and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to get together first with Great Britain and France.

Radford, he said, favored intervention in Indochina at the time Communist forces were storming the French fortress at Dien Bien Phu, which finally fell.

McCormack added that Radford conceded under questioning at the meeting that other members of the Joint Chiefs "did not agree with him."

Six Injured in Bus Accident

ONARGA, Ill. (AP) — A two-deck greyhound bus collided with the rear of a truck-trailer rig early Sunday on snow-slick pavement, injuring six passengers.

The glancing collision tore away part of the right lower deck housing, and sent the big bus across a ditch and up onto the Illinois central railroad embankment.

Both the bus and the truck were northbound on U.S. Rt. 45, although police said the truck apparently was stopped, when the crash occurred three miles south of Onarga.

Methodists Tell Educational Plan

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. (AP) — The top administrative bodies of the Methodist Church drew up a "four-year plan" for the church Sunday which emphasizes the strengthening of its educational institutions and local churches.

The church leaders recommended that \$7 million dollars be raised during the 1956 to 1960 quadrennium especially for the use of their 118 colleges, universities and secondary schools to equip them for teaching Christian ideals to counteract communism and secularism.

Driver Charged Following Wreck

An Aumsville youth was cited for a traffic violation following a two-car collision Saturday evening on Salem Bypass near North Santiam Highway overpass.

Tommy Eugene Johnson of Aumsville Route 1 was charged with making an illegal left turn, state police said. Driver of the other car was listed as Earl Morton Nicholas, Eugene. Damage was minor and no injuries were reported, police said.

NEWSMAN DIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — William P. Flythe, 45, Washington correspondent for the Hearst newspapers and a newsman since 1906, died suddenly at his apartment here Sunday.

Theatre Time Table

EL SINORE
"RAINS OF RANCHIPUR" 7:00 and 10:15
"TARGET ZERO" 8:11
CAPITOL
"ADVENTURES OF QUENTIN DUNWARD" 7:00 and 10:35
"TENNESSEE'S PARTNER" 8:11
HOLLYWOOD
"ESCAPE TO BURMA" 7:00 and 10:35
"THIS IS MY LOVE" 8:31

'Seed Bank' Adds Debate To Soil Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dispute over a "seed bank" added controversy Sunday to the "soil bank" proposed by the administration to boost farm incomes and prices.

Sen. Morse (D-Ore.), who often finds fault with President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Benson, suggested the seed bank may be needed to get a successful soil bank.

Sen. Aiken of Vermont, senior Republican on the Agriculture Committee, disagreed in a separate interview.

"I believe there is plenty of seed for grass, forage and cover crops in the country now," Aiken said. "The expected increased demand usually results in expanded production."

"We have thousands of acres of grass land that will be harvested for seed if there is a fair profit in it."

The soil bank has been recommended in an effort to reduce huge crop surpluses now held by the government through a special payment or subsidy to cotton, wheat, corn and rice farmers who underplant their present allotments.

To qualify for benefits under one phase of the program, these farmers would have to plant the diverted land to grass, cover crops or other conservation uses. Secretary Benson said that altogether as much as 40 million additional acres could go into the soil bank reserve.

Morse said this probably will cause "an enormous demand for cover crop seed for use on acres withdrawn from production."

"I am apprehensive that if our government does not take immediate steps to create a reserve of such seed, prices will skyrocket and the beneficiaries of such price increases will not be the farmers," Morse said.

Four Wade Ashore As Car Dips Into Creek

PORTLAND (AP) — An automobile carrying four Portland high school students ripped out a bridge railing and plunged into flood-swollen Johnson Creek southeast of here Sunday.

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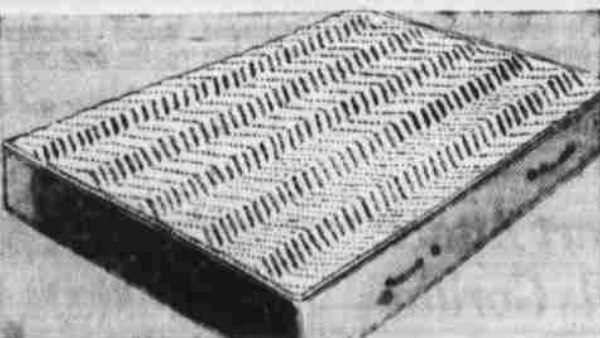
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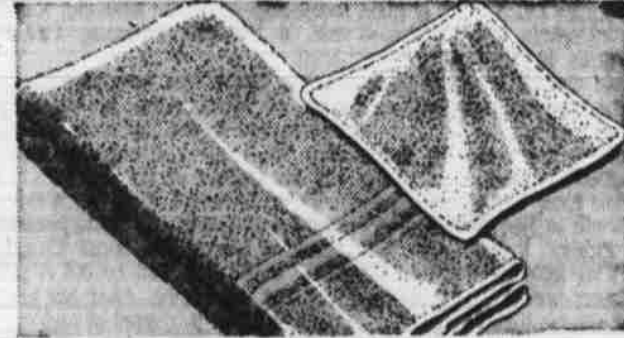
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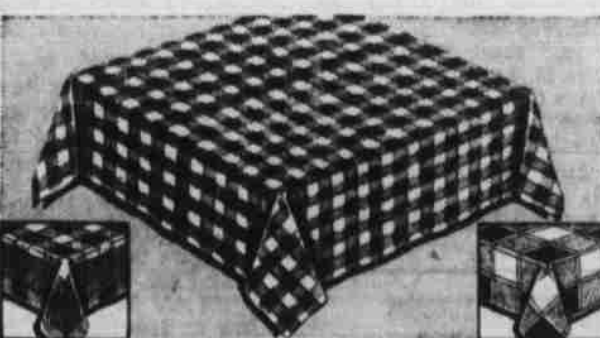
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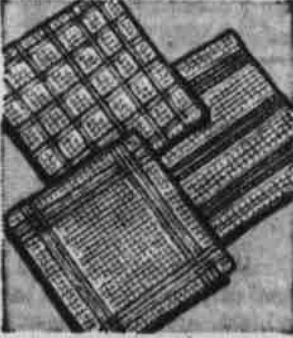
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