

Father of Girl Who Lost Both Feet Faces Problem

Reno, June 30 (U.P.)—The father of a pretty, athletic 13-year-old girl who lost both feet when she was run over by a speedboat at Lake Tahoe Monday today faced the "biggest problem" of his life:

How to tell Imogene Wittsche of Roseville, Calif., that both her feet were missing and not "sewed back on" and just covered by casts as she believes.

The girl was run over by a 115-horsepower cruiser while swimming at Lake Tahoe. Her feet were caught in the propeller and one was shorn off. The other was left hanging by a muscle and doctors had to amputate it. Both were taken off below the knees.

Her father, Fred Wittsche of Roseville, manager of a Sacramento nursery, witnessed the accident from the beach. He has been at Imogene's bedside most of the time since she arrived at a Reno hospital, where attendants said her condition remains "just fair."

"This is the biggest problem of my life," said Wittsche. "I don't know what to do. I don't know how or what to tell her." "The doctors say she can't be told for some time. But when the time comes, what am I going to say?"

"Imogene believes her feet are going to be all right. She thinks her feet have been grafted back on and that they're just in casts. She thinks she'll be able to swim and play and walk again in a few weeks."

"Wittsche said his daughter had been extremely active in sports at the Roseville elementary school from which she was graduated two weeks ago. She was the star pitcher on the girls' softball team, an excellent swimmer and excelled in all

made me maddest was that the boat swung around, came back and did the same thing again. "I picked Imogene up in my arms and carried her to shore. She was conscious all the time. She told me 'Daddy, they laughed at me!'"

Fathers and Sons Banquet at Lyons

Lyons — The annual father and son banquet was held at the community club house with Ray Fedje of Salem the speaker of the evening. James Lande was master of ceremonies. Bob Brassfield gave the address of welcome to the fathers, which was responded to by Willard Hartnell. Gifts were presented to William Fetherston the oldest father present and to Walter Hilton youngest father present. Leland Humphries and Floyd Lengacher furnished guitar music and Mrs. Robert Fetherston a vocal solo.

Truman 'Interested' In Visit to Northwest

Washington, June 30 (U.P.)—Rep. Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), said today after a White House visit that President Truman is "very much interested" in making a trip through the midwest and northwest sometime next spring.

He said Mr. Truman told him he would like to make a major speech on the farm program in the midwest and one on reclamation, power and perhaps federal air to education in the northwest.

Mansfield invited Mr. Truman, on behalf of Gov. John Bonner and University of Montana President James McCain, to accept an honorary degree from the university on June 5, 1950.

He said the president replied he could not commit himself that far in advance but that he would like to go "because he had some things he would like to discuss with the people of that region."

Vets' Memorial To Be Torn Down

Portland, June 30 (U.P.)—The last visible memorial to World War II in Portland is to be torn down soon.

The city council voted yesterday to destroy the war memorial board in the uptown park blocks because it is "inadequate" and unaesthetic.

The three service chiefs, and maybe "get a little cross-education myself."

The board lists the names of the city's war dead. It was intended only as a temporary memorial. Plans have not yet been made for a permanent one.

Californians Are Visitors
Aumsville — Fred B. Creevy and wife of Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. Ulyssa Woodbury and Mrs. Edith Ramsey of Felton, Calif., are visiting for a time with their sister, Mrs. Otto Fuson of Aumsville, who has been sick. Mrs. Woodbury plans to remain for some time to assist in taking care of Mrs. Fuson.

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