



Four in Head-on Crash—Four men were killed and two injured in this head-on crash on a section of three-lane highway east of Hayward, Calif. Witnesses told the highway patrol the cars met when both moved into the center lane to pass slower vehicles. (AP Wirephoto)

Soil Conservation Program For 1950 Planned by Board

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Preliminary plans for a 1950 farm work program for the Silver Creek soil conservation district were outlined at a board of supervisors meeting in Silverton this week.

Land capability maps, prepared by the US soil conservation service, are now being checked and plans have been made to write up conservation farm plans based on these maps for each farm in the district. These plans will be furnished each farmer attending a conservation planning meeting with any group able to call a farm planning meeting when the plan will be explained and copies presented farmers.

Missing Coed Turns Up at YW

Chicago, March 17 (AP)—A University of Michigan coed, whose four-day disappearance stumped detectives, turned up Thursday in a YWCA hotel near Chicago's loop.

Miss Jeri Lou Ely, 18, telephoned her parents at Berrien Springs, Mich., that she was "all right and coming home."

But YWCA officials said her parents were en route to Chicago to pick her up.

The girl vanished from her college dormitory Monday. Ann Arbor detectives said she left without a clue. But yesterday her roommate received a penciled postcard from her that said she was "going to rest—Don't worry." The postcard was mailed at Ann Arbor about five hours after she disappeared.

Miss Mary Laughton, assistant residence director at the girls' hotel, said she did not know why Miss Ely left school.

Miss Laughton said she didn't know why the girl came to Chicago. She said her actions didn't cause any suspicion among the 500 girls in the hotel.

Hundreds of Fur-Seal Pups Killed by Storm

Washington, Mar. 17 (AP)—Violent storms off the Pacific northwest killed hundreds of Alaskan fur-seal pups and cast them ashore on the Washington and Oregon coasts in January, the fish and wildlife service said today.

Of the dead animals, 16 bore tags that had been applied last summer at the Pribilof Islands in the Bering sea. The year-old pups are a part of the island crop which will be ready for the sealskin harvest in 1952.

Crommelin Not Surprised at Navy Action; Anticipated It

Sacramento, Calif., March 17 (AP)—The Navy's furloughing of Captain John G. Crommelin to half pay was no surprise, he said today.

"This has been anticipated," he said in an interview "as long ago as January."

The officer came here from San Francisco to speak at a service club luncheon. He was ordered furloughed yesterday.

"I haven't violated any orders," he said, referring especially the one directing him not to be critical of the department of defense or officers in it.

Since that order came to him Feb. 21, said the captain, "they have sent officers around to the meetings where I have spoken to censor me. I've talked to them, myself."

Crommelin said that even after he goes on furlough April 1 he will obey the order, which he noted, did not gag him.

Asked why the Navy didn't

order him to stop talking — instead of furloughing him, he said the action taken was "the best thing politically" and added:

"Anything which attempts to curb the speech of an individual is an anathema to the American people."

He said he is not planning to retire and that "I feel that if we go to war I would get a good job."

The captain said he has not accepted any speaking engagements since the Feb. 21 order, but that he has had some 30 more invitations. Of his speaking activities in the future, he said:

"It depends on the situation."

Higher Oregon Auto Tax Seen

Portland, Ore., March 17 (AP)—Oregon's highways are deteriorating faster than they are being replaced, State Senator Paul Patterson of Hillsboro told the Oregon State Motor association Wednesday night.

Patterson, a member of the legislature's interim committee on highways, said that although \$400,000,000 has been expended on the present highway network, the state "faces" an expenditure of \$750,000,000 more to bring highways up to an acceptable standard.

"We motorists are going to

have to prepare ourselves to pay for these improved highways if we want them," Patterson said. "This means even higher auto license fees and higher gasoline taxes."

Because property "cannot bear higher taxes," the funds must come from users of the roads, he asserted.

Return to Hopewell

Hopewell—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Joeckel, former residents of Hopewell have moved to the Grace Duren place, to take care of the Grade A Dairy. They have been living near Corvallis. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stephens have moved into their own home and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Versteeg, who had been occupying it, have gone to eastern Oregon.

Morse Asks Tax Plan To Get More Business

Grants Pass, Ore., March 17 (AP)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R., Ore., has a proposal to increase government income.

He told the Grants Pass Rotary club at a noon luncheon Wednesday the United States should adopt a tax program which would develop more business on which taxes are paid. That also requires repeal of 'nuisance taxes' as a trade stimulant, Morse said.

Oregon's junior senator warned against isolationism, declared his opposition to socialized medicine and expressed the belief that the long-range future of the United States would be decided by this generation.

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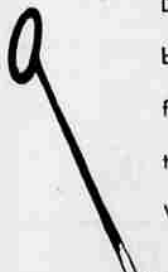
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