

# Boy on Bicycle Is Car Victim Near Albany

## Jerry Ryan Knocked From Bicycle in Auto Accident

ALBANY, Ore. (UP)—A nine-year-old son of a local Baptist minister was killed near here in a car-bicycle accident Saturday.

Police identified the boy as Jerry Ryan, son of Rev. John E. Ryan, and the driver of the car as Joe Crocker, Rt. 4, Box 228, Albany.

Witnesses told police that Crocker and the boy were traveling west in the same direction when the accident occurred.

Police believed that the boy was thrown off his bicycle and killed when he fell. The boy's bicycle was demolished.

Jerry Ryan was born Sept. 26, 1947 in Denver, Colo., and came to Albany with his family in 1954. Survivors besides the parents include two brothers, Johnny and James, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph River, Casa Grande, Ariz.

Funeral services have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday. Dr. Kenneth Tobias, general director of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon will officiate. Fredericksen-Formiller mortuary are in charge.

# Song Writer Priest a Hit in France



Father Alme Duval, a French Jesuit priest whose religious songs are among the best selling records in France, plays his guitar at Nancy, France, earlier this month. In addition to composing the music and writing the words for his songs, Father Duval also sings them accompanying himself on the guitar. He's been strumming the guitar since he was six years old. (AP Wirephoto).

# New Safety Devices on Cars Bring Reduction in Deaths

## Safety Lock, Seat Belts Cut Toll

(Auto Safety—Second in A Series)

By ROBERT J. SERLING  
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NEW YORK (UP)—Thousands of American motorists have been saved from serious injury or death by two safety devices which the automobile industry began to install on new cars last year.

One—now standard equipment on all new cars—is the so-called "safety door lock." These locks are designed to keep doors from popping open in accidents. They cost about 50 cents a door.

Equipment on new cars, is the safety belt. "Yes" is the answer from a group which should know—Cornell University's Medical College's auto crash research injury project. For months the project has been filed by police officials in twelve states. These reports provide a contrast between accidents in cars equipped with the new safety features, and accidents of comparably severe in cars without these features.

This is what the record shows:  
Seat Belts  
1. Occupants in cars with safety belts had 60.4 per cent fewer injuries of all degrees.  
2. Occupants with belts had 60 per cent fewer injuries in the moderate to - fatal injury grade category.  
3. Occupants with belts had fewer dangerous-to-fatal grade injuries, but the difference was "not

statistically significant due to insufficient data."

Door Locks  
1. Reduced the risk of doors opening during impact by as much as 33 per cent in non-rollover accidents and somewhat less in rollovers.  
2. Decreased the risk of occupant ejection through open doors by up to 49 per cent.  
3. Reduced the risk of dangerous and fatal injuries by 29 per cent—primarily the result of retaining passengers in the protective shell of the car.

Both belts and door locks are aimed primarily at preventing ejection from cars. Ejection is a major cause of automotive crash injuries came as a surprise to many experts who figured that what happened inside the car was the biggest factor in causing injuries.

But the Cornell project since 1953 has studied more than 8,000 separate accidents. It found that ejection is one of the most frequently reported causes of injury, accounting for 20 per cent of injuries and deaths. The other major injury-causing components: Instrument panel—12 per cent. Steering wheel—11 per cent. Windshield—11 per cent. Door components—six per cent.

Some safety experts have criticized seat belts, claiming that they can cause as many injuries as they prevent and they are not of appreciable value in preventing occupants from being thrown forward. The Cornell findings appear to refute such charges.

Boris Tourin, supervisor of technical operations for the Cornell project, says critics of belts "ignore that their prime responsibility is to keep occupants from being thrown out of the car."

Lack of Logic  
"When someone says belts are not good because they're only 60 per cent effective," adds Tourin, "that's like condemning a serum because it cures only 50 per cent of the patients. We saw one report denouncing a belt that didn't

hold when the car hit a parked steamroller at 40 miles an hour. Actually belts are less effective in accidents involving collision with fixed objects, but such collisions represent less than 15 per cent of highway accidents."

According to Tourin, some published reports on the alleged ineffectiveness of belts have involved inferior belts, manufactured far below the minimum standards set by scientific tests.

"Many inferior belts on the market are giving all belts a bad name," says Tourin. "A good belt will do the job expected of it except in unusually severe accidents at terrifically high speeds. One of the things we may have a good idea to have a 'breaking force' in a belt—allowing it to snap at a certain forward force to prevent the belt itself from causing injury."

Faulty Belts  
The Cornell project, in its studies of belt performance in actual accidents, bluntly reports it has found "increasing evidence of irresponsibility both in belt manufacture and installation." Project director John O. Moore believes all belt manufacturers should be forced to adhere to minimum standards for belt construction, just as electrical equipment manufacturers now comply with industry-established standards.

Moore also recommends:

1. Research to determine whether stronger belts are needed. (There is evidence to indicate that deceleration forces in an auto mobile accident are greater than those in a light plane crash.)

2. Many car belts are patterned after CAA aviation belt standards for private planes.)

3. Some kind of auxiliary device for pre-1956 cars, to keep doors from opening on impact. (Belt

can be attached to any car, but only 1956 and 57 models have the new-type door locks deemed essential to passenger protection.)

(The next dispatch in this series will discuss a controversy over automobile structure. Is the modern car too flimsy? Is the popular hardtop style really safe? Have manufacturers thinned corner posts and roof structure too much as to make cars as weak-skinned as an egg?)

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# Humphreys Rites Set

MONMOUTH (Special)—Funeral services for Joseph Humphreys, 48, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday from Smith-Krueger Mortuary in Independence.

Rev. Richard Owen will officiate and final rites will be at Fir Crest cemetery at Monmouth.

Mr. Humphreys was born in Carroll county, Mo., July 21, 1908, and had lived in this community since 1937. Mrs. Humphreys died in 1953. Survivors include sons, Glen Humphreys, with the Air Force in California, and Glee Humphreys, Portland; daughters, Mrs. Blanche Duffy, Salem; Mrs. Doris Miller, Eugene; sisters, Mrs. Dora Wooden, Bogard, Mo.; Mrs. Ralph Wagerman, Tina, Mo.; and seven grandchildren.

Humphreys died as the result of a gunshot wound, declared by Paul Bollman, county coroner, to have been self-inflicted sometime during Friday night. His body was found Saturday forenoon.

# Valley Dates

Lebanon—School supervisors and administrators from St. Helens and Columbia county are expected here Wednesday to survey local administrative and supervisory practices. Irene Halberg of the state department of education will accompany them.

Lebanon — A charter-closing meeting for the Golden Circle of the First Christian church will be held Wednesday following a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper at the church. Persons 60 and over are eligible for membership.

Lebanon — Industrial Development Cooperation meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, starts with election of officers. It meets jointly with the chamber of commerce general membership at 8 p.m. in city hall. Louis P. Growney, industrial development engineer for Pacific Power and Light Co. will be speaker.

Gervais — Women of the Firemen's Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. Monday with Mrs. Ed. Studer.

Sheridan — Methodist WSCS will have social meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m., at the church. All circles will participate.

Amity — A Firemen's Benefit Variety show will be Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Cake auction will be intermission feature.

Dr. and Mrs. James Alley are in charge, and the Church of Christ is sponsor.

**LEGALS**  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have been appointed by the Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, Probate Department, as Administrator of the estate of ETHEL IRENE KNOTT, deceased, and having qualified as such administrator, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly verified, to me at 412 Pioneer Trust Building, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 18th day of January, 1957.

KEITH D. EVANS  
Administrator of the Estate of ETHEL IRENE KNOTT, deceased.

**BRUCE W. WILLIAMS**  
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412 Pioneer Trust Building  
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Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4.

**EXECUTOR'S FINAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Pioneer Trust Company as Executor of the estate of Donna W. Aldrich, deceased, has filed its final account as such and by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, the 13th day of March, 1957, the hour of 9:15 in the forenoon of said day has been fixed as the time and the courtroom of said court has been fixed as the place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate. Dated this 11th day of February, 1957.

**PIONEER TRUST COMPANY,**  
Executor of the Estate of Donna W. Aldrich, deceased.  
RHOTEN, RHOTEN & SHERIDAN  
516 Pioneer Trust Building  
Salem, Oregon  
Attorneys for Executor.  
Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11.

# Willamette Valley News

## Frank Ferlan Dies Today

MOLALLA (Special)—Frank Ferlan, 76, a resident of Oregon since 1909, died at his home at Rt. 1, Molalla, Sunday morning after a short illness.

Ferlan came to the United States from Yugoslavia in 1909. He was married to Mary Krausz in Kansas in 1907 and came to Oregon in 1909. He had lived in Molalla the past 45 years.

Survivors include the widow, Mary; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Mantle, Salem; three sons, Frank J., Lake Grove and Anthony; and Joseph, Molalla; 10 grandchildren, and two sisters in Yugoslavia.

Recitation of the rosary will be held at 8 p.m. in the Everhart and Kent chapel. Requiem mass will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Williams church, of which Mr. Ferlan was a member. Interment will be in Russellville cemetery.

## Daughters Guests At Mason Dinner

SILVERTON (Special)—For the first time in the long history of Masonic Father-Son banquets in Silverton, the daughters of the members were invited to this year's dinner at the Masonic temple.

The departure from the usual was due to the fact that the local Methodist church has arranged to have a "dormitory" for those members who did not have sons for the occasion.

A ham dinner was served by the ladies of Ramona chapter, OES, with Mrs. Alice Harrington and Mrs. Rex McCurdy in charge of the kitchen and Mrs. Willard Benson supervising the dining room. Following the dinner Ben Eckley showed movies in the lodge room.

## Refugees Arrive

MOLALLA (Special)—The refugee family sponsored by Molalla Methodist church has arrived and was honored at a no-host dinner and reception for them at the church in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Domogering and son Kumbert and Mrs. Elsa Dithrenner, the refugee family, will be staying in an apartment across the street from Molalla city park.

They are related to Mrs. Harold Marie's Molalla, and have just arrived from near Frankfurt, Germany, as refugees from the Russian zone of Germany.

## Ferry Run Stopped

The Wheatland ferry, operating between Marion and Yamhill counties across the Willamette river a few miles downstream from Salem, suspended operations because of high water. The two counties share in the expense of the operation.

## Chamber Elects

LEBANON (Special)—New officers for the 1957 board of directors of the chamber of commerce are Robert Barroun, president; Winton Meiler, vice-president; and Jack Buchanan, re-elected treasurer.

## Sheridan Cafe Sold

SHERIDAN (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stadelman have purchased the Sheridan Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goetz. Mr. and Mrs. Stadelman recently operated a restaurant at Fossil.

## School Fund Granted

MOLALLA (Special)—The sum of \$2,662 for immediate use in the basic school fund for district four, has been granted to Molalla union high school. Word was received from a Republican Congressman Walter Norblad of this allotment, to be used for students whose parents live or work on government lands. School officials stated that the allotment would affect approximately 25 students now registered in District No. 4.

## Margaret Adams Of Molalla Dies

MOLALLA (Special)—Mrs. Margaret Adams, 91, a resident of Molalla for many years, died Sunday morning after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Adams came west from Nebraska to Oregon in 1906 with her husband Nathan and lived in the Liberal area for many years. She moved to Molalla in 1928 and had resided at the home of a son, A. L. Adams, in Molalla the past 25 years. Her husband preceded her in death in 1914. Another son, Lester, died in 1951.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Doane of Portland; four sons, Millard E., Portland; Walter R., Molalla; John George; McMinville and Alphonso L. of Molalla; a sister, Arlie Cheswith of Indiana; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Molalla chapel of Everhart and Kent. Interment will be in Zion Cemetery at Canby.

## FU Shapes Plans

MOLALLA (Special)—Clackamas county Farm Bureau women recently met in the home of Mrs. Oscar Erickson, Molalla, to plan their year's activities. Mrs. George S. Durant, is county president. Plans include a visit to the state legislature. They proposed that April 8-13 be observed as "safety and cleanup" dates. The annual "Talk Meet" and "Talent Find" was discussed, with the subject for 1957 to be "The Role of Farm Organizations in American Agriculture." A summer picnic is planned and Rural Life Sunday will be held after harvest season.

## Student Honored

TURNER (Special)—Oop senior at Cascade Union High School has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for distinguished performance in its nationwide search for students of unusual ability, according to Principal L. J. Urhammer. The student honored is Richard Wakeley.

## Honor Roll Posted

McMINNVILLE (Special)— Evelyn Andrus, 2135 Hazel; Lorraine Bagley, 3765 Center; Orrin Gilbertson, 4720 Clark; Carol Lee, 2010 S. Cottage; and Gil Stewart, 236 W. Wilson, Salem, were among 71 students listed on the winter semester honor roll at Lintfield college, McMinnville, Ore.

## Enrollment at Lintfield Rises

McMINNVILLE (Special)—Lintfield College has recorded a 20 per cent enrollment increase over the spring semester of 1956.

Dr. E. A. Ward Whitman said the school now has 680 students, compared with 570 at the same time last year.

## Youth Buried By Avalanche

DENVER (Special)—A 16-year-old boy died Monday after being buried alive in a tremendous snow avalanche that buried him and four companions 200 yards. Two others were seriously hurt.

The tragedy struck during a Sunday outing along St. Mary's Glacier on the eastern slope of the Rockies, west of Denver.

## Closeup of Gaza Strip

Here is a closeup of the small area, only a dot on any general Middle East map, known as the Gaza Strip, subject of international crisis in connection with Israel's refusal to withdraw its troops from that sector as well as from the Gulf of Aqaba area, also shown in insert map. The Gaza Strip itself is only 25 miles long and about six miles wide at most points. (AP Wirephoto).



Other officers were re-elected. They include Fred Mubs, McMinnville, president; C. E. Lewis, Aumsville, vice president; Carroll R. Nelson, Salem, secretary-treasurer; and Shirley Rife, assistant. A. W. Beckford of Woodburn is the hold-over director.

## Two Elected Farm Loan Board Members at Annual Meet Here

J. J. Sechrist, a grain and seed farmer in the Balston area, and Russell Lehman, grass seed and orchard farmer near Dayton, were elected to board memberships of the Willamette National Farm Loan association at the annual meeting of the group here Saturday.

Main topic of the meeting was interest rate increases on farm loans during 1956 and a report to the membership by Nelson which showed membership loans during 1956 were \$363,300 greater than in 1955. Loans for the past year totaled \$3,793,500. Average loan for the year was \$8,289.

Harley Libby, president of the state farmers union, urged "low-cost possible interest rates for legitimate loans." He referred to the "very dangerous state of credit

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Two elected farm loan board members at annual meet here

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