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EIGHT PEOPLE ARE DEAD IN AUTO TRAGEDY

Eastern Tourists Plunge Off Crater Lake Highway Near Prospect

BODIES UNDER DEBRIS

D. T. Norris Only One Yet Identified; Crash Occurs Sunday at 4:30

Two of the victims of the auto tragedy near Prospect were Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Blige of Jacksonville. It was learned this afternoon. The Norris party had been visiting at the Blige home. The car was returning to Jacksonville from Crater Lake. The body of Mr. Blige was found under the wreckage this morning but rescue workers were unable to get it because it was pinned beneath heavy rocks. It was indicated that other bodies had been thrown into the river and had been carried down-stream. The big car was reported to be giving trouble with the front wheel brakes, and Mr. Norris is said to have stopped at Prospect to have them examined. Whenever he applied the brakes the car would swerve to one side of the road, it was said. When the car reached the turn at Lookout Point, it is presumed he applied the brakes too quickly and the big car swerved off the roadway and plunged down the steep embankment.

Eight persons were killed, including three children, when a seven-passenger Buick left the Crater Lake highway a quarter of a mile this side of Prospect at 4:30 yesterday afternoon and plunged down the rock bank of Rogue river for a distance of nearly 300 feet.

The tragedy occurred at Lookout Point, and was witnessed by motorists directly in the rear of the ill-fated car. Those who saw the fatal crash hurried into Prospect where they called Coroner Conger and other county officials.

From papers scattered along the mountainside where the big car made its death-dealing descent, it was learned that the owner of the car was D. T. Norris of Mahaffey, Pa. The names of the other victims are not known, but they are presumed to be members of the family.

One Body Recovered

One body was recovered this morning and was identified as Mr. Norris.

Efforts were made to recover the bodies last night but because of the darkness and the perilous position of the wrecked car, nothing could be done. Authorities left at daybreak today to continue their efforts to recover the bodies.

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ALLEGED DRUNKEN MEXICANS RAILED BY LOCAL POLICE

Hilarious Party in Progress at Siskiyou Station Early Sunday

Constantino Ramirez, Vincenti Negrete, Hazel Garcia, Beryl O'Connor and two other Mexicans whose names were not learned were arrested yesterday morning at Siskiyou station when the Mexican quarters were raided by local officers. The raid followed a report that a "wild party" was in progress.

Remirez came from Klamath Falls with the two women, and when the officers, led by Chief of Police McNabb, arrived at the scene a card game was going strong with the players keeping their spirits up by frequent drinks from a gallon jug of poor grade of moonshine, which the officers said had a lot of noise-producing elements in its questionable makeup.

Negrete claimed Wood as his home town and his Ford touring car had a license issued to him there. The two women said they had been living at Wood for about three weeks.

The party ended with a ride to the county jail at Jacksonville, where four of the Mexicans are being held on a charge of possessing liquor.

LITTLE DOG SAVES ITS MASTER'S LIFE

Oakdale, Cal., Man Rescued From Charging Bull by Canine

OAKDALE, Cal., Sept. 13.—A little dog saved R. O. Gray, 57, prominent member of the Siskiyou Park district today from being gored to death by an angered bull which attacked him. Mr. Gray is in a serious condition, with five crushed ribs, a broken shoulder and less serious injuries as the result of being trampled and gored by the angered beast.

Gray and the dog had entered a fenced field and the bull with lowered horns, charged toward him. He was unable to escape and was knocked to the ground. The animal leaped onto his head and body with all four feet and stopped only when his attention was distracted by the barking dog which he chased about the field.

It was the third time the rancher had been attacked by the bull.

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He also recommended that Oregon join with other states in seeking lower telephone rates. He said he was convinced that the valuation of property on which the rate is based is much too high.

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LOCAL FLOWER GROWERS WILL HAVE EXHIBIT

Will Compete for Prizes at Jackson County Fair This Week

REGULATIONS GIVEN

Ashland Florists Asked to Have Displays Ready Wednesday Morning

At the workers' conference luncheon at Medford last Saturday, the Ashland members of the committee of the floral department of the Jackson county fair were advised to urge the Ashland flower growers to enter their flowers in the big exhibit this week.

Those who have flowers which they do not wish to enter for competition are asked to send them for display purposes. A section will be set aside for the Ashland display.

Regulations Made

Those who wish to send flowers to the fair may bring them to the First Shop, 343 East Main street, by 8 o'clock Wednesday morning and they will be taken to the fair if properly packed for transportation.

Flowers should be gathered Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning and kept in water for a while and then packed in boxes. Dahlies should be placed one layer only in peach boxes that have damp cloth or paper in the bottom, and the whole covered with paper or fastened securely. Flowers for display may have the name of the flower and the grower attached. If contain-ers are sent owners are asked to put their names and address on the bottom of the containers.

Prizes Offered

Following are the prizes offered in the flower show:
AMATEUR CLASS
Collection of cut flowers other than dahlies, collection, quality

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MAYOR JOHNSON NOT TO ASK RE-ELECTION

Ashland Executive Will Retire at End of His Present Term

Mayor O. H. Johnson will not seek re-election at the city election in November. He so announced himself publicly and definitely this afternoon and declared that nothing could swerve him from his determination to retire from public life.

It is generally believed that all members of the council, with the exception of Dr. R. L. Burdick, Jr., will file for office, although no announcements have yet been made. It was reported by one of them today that if they do run for office it will be for the purpose of carrying on the campaign for water extensions and improvements.

"I announced several months ago that I would not seek reelection and that decision still stands," said Mayor Johnson today.

"Dead" Wife is Very Much Alive

Boston, Mass., Sept. 13.—When James Johnson, charged with polygamy, was explaining to the judge in court today that he married a second time because he thought his first wife dead, a loud voice from the rear of the crowded court room interrupted the proceedings long enough to inquire: "Do I look like I'm dead?"

To Crescent City—Mrs. George Rose and daughter Virginia, drove over to Crescent Lake yesterday to visit with Mr. Rose, Jimmy Smith, who is employed there, accompanied them.

A Rival for Indian Beauty Honors



Pendleton, Ore., "started something" when it chose Esther Lee Montanic, Indian beauty as queen of its annual roundup and announced her as the loveliest Indian girl in America. Californians want to enter charming "Little Fawn," pictured above, in a contest with Miss Motanic and all other Indian comers. "Little Fawn" is a princess of the Klamath tribe. She took part in the recent opening of the Redwood highway between Orieck and Trinidad, Calif.

DEER HUNTERS ARE ARRESTED BY PARR

Three Fail to Get Licenses, Says Deputy State Game Warden

Three deer hunters in the Parker and Grizzly mountain districts were arrested yesterday by Deputy State Game Warden Roy Parr for hunting without licenses. Elmer Dix, Klamath Falls auto parts leader, was one of those held. Henry Clarkson of Chiloquin and Peter Stole of Jenny Creek were the two others who failed to have their licenses, the game warden said.

Mr. Parr reported deer hunting to be excellent throughout that section and many sportsmen bagged fine big bucks. A party of hunters from Talent got a 200-pound 9-point deer.

Local Autos Are In Slight Crash

A slight collision occurred Saturday when Victor Pifer, who works at the Plaza Confectionery ran into Millard Grubb's new Oldsmobile Sedan, while it was parked in front of the store. A fender was badly bent and the paint scratched. The same day the motor meter was stolen from Millard's car.

THE WEATHER

Oregon—Cloudy on the coast; fair in the interior tonight and Tuesday. Normal temperature with moderate northwest winds.

VISIT LITHIA PARK

While you are a guest in our city, be certain to visit Lithia Park, a playground of many acres, with the main entrance at the Plaza, where Nature's deapest beauties are found along the walks that lead you through the forest bordering on Ashland creek.

MANY DEATHS CAUSED FROM AUTO WRECKS

Total of 26 Tragic Fatalities Reported on Coast Over Week End

IS LARGEST OF YEAR

Drownings also Contribute Quota; Several Persons Burned to Death

AN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 13.—(UP)—Automobile tragedies contributed to 15 of the 26 tragic deaths which were reported on the Pacific coast over the week-end, according to tabulations made here today by United Press. The death toll is one of the heaviest of this year.

Eight persons were killed in one mishap alone when a car enroute from Crater Lake to Medford plunged off the highway near Prospect.

Other Pacific coast fatalities were:

Seattle—Albert Souders, naval aviator, drowned in Lake Washington; Thorwald Thorsen, believed to have committed suicide.

Tacoma — The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson burned to death in a bon-fire; Mrs. Luke Perlman and two young children burned to death in their dwelling; Richard Sandgren of Seattle killed in an auto accident.

Astoria—Mrs. Ralph Karle and six-year-old son drowned in a slough near their home.

Dallas—Mrs. L. D. Frazier of Bend killed when an automobile in which she was riding hit a telephone pole and turned over.

FORMER LOCAL YOUTH IS IN AIR SERVICE

Frederick Johnson Passes All Exams and is Now a Flying Cadet

Interesting news of Frederick Johnson, a graduate of Ashland high, has come to friends in the city. It is learned that he is now a full fledge flying cadet in the air service, having passed the examinations successfully and is appointed to the federal air school at Brookfield, Texas. Since there are but 160 admitted it speaks well for his attainments.

After graduating here Frederick taught one year, then attended O. A. C. enlisting in the federal air service one year ago.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Johnson have but recently removed to Medford from Ashland where they resided since 1911 and the family were prominent in school, church and social circles.

British Butler Demands Estate

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Albert Bertio, a slim young Englishman, has hopes of giving up his butler's pantry for the ease that would attend a \$35,000,000 British estate, but apparently realization of these dreams will not come so speedily.

"We cannot understand the man's actions," it was said at the British consulate today, when it was learned that Bertie had advanced the claim to an interest in the estate of the ninth duke of Argyll.

McGee and Enders Bring Back Buck

Andy McGee and John Enders were "high-hatting" some of the less fortunate sportsmen hereabouts today following their return from the woods last night with a big 9-point buck. They had to pack the animal nearly six miles through dense underbrush to their car.

NEW SENSATION IS OFFERED BY IN M'PHERSON CASE

Mrs. Loraine Wiseman Denies She Occupied Carmel Cottage

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 13.—(UP)—Sensational charges that Almee Semple McPherson had paid her \$300 and was to give her a total of \$5000 to fake a story of sharing the cottage at Carmel Beach with Kenneth G. Ormliston, were made in an affidavit here by Mrs. Loraine Wiseman.

Mrs. Wiseman is held here on a bad check charge, and after being taken into custody made the affidavit which renewed interest in the alleged kidnapping of the leader of Angelus temple.

Mrs. Wiseman said she had perpetrated a hoax on the public by announcing that she and her sister, the mythical Miss X, and not Mrs. McPherson, had occupied the cottage with Ormliston, the former radio operator at Angelus temple.

HAY AND BARN ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Blaze on Elliott Ranch Early This Morning Results in Big Loss

A large barn on the Elliott ranch, eight miles out on the Klamath highway, was destroyed by fire early this morning, according to word received here. The origin of the fire is not known.

The barn was full of hay, which was destroyed. Several sets of harness and other farm equipment also were lost. There were no animals in the building at the time. The blaze started at about 4:30 this morning.

MANY ARRESTED IN MUSSOLINI BOMBING

Plot to Kill Italian Premier Under Rigid Probe by Officials

ROME, Sept. 13.—(UP)—Two hundred persons are under arrest and several police officials have resigned as a result of the attempt upon the life of Premier Mussolini. Most of the prisoners will be freed after questioning. Police are investigating to determine whether or not the bombing was due to a wide-spread plot.

CONVICT CONFESSES HE IS DUAL SLAYER

Chicago Burglar Tells Police He Killed New Jersey Couple

JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 13.—Henry Nelson, a Chicago burglar serving a one to twenty year sentence in the Illinois penitentiary here, today "confessed" to Warden Green that he took part in a double murder at New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 15, 1922—the same date upon which the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills were murdered.

According to Nelson's confession he was paid \$300 by two men whose names he was unable to give, to act as chauffeur for them driving them to the scene of the murder.

Remain Married Because Records In Safe Stolen

Berlin, Sept. 13.—People of the suburb of Mariendorf are in a state of compulsory matrimonial status quo.

They can neither marry nor apply for divorce because burglar removed the safe of the registration office containing all of the suburb's matrimonial documents.

BURGLAR ROBS PHARMACY AT LITHIA HOTEL

Approximately \$150 Stolen By Lone Frowler Early Sunday Morning

FINGERPRINTS TAKEN

Rear Transom Broken Open; Narcotics Found But Left Untouched

A lone burglar late Saturday night or early yesterday morning jimmied open a rear transom at the Lithia Springs Pharmacy in the new hotel building and made away with approximately \$150 in silver and currency. Of this amount, nearly \$150 was stolen from Mrs. Daisy McGarry, proprietor of the pharmacy, and \$12 from William Haberly, proprietor of the Lithia Springs confectionery.

The burglary was discovered when the store was opened for business yesterday morning. Local police and Sheriff Jennings were immediately called, and Patrolman Ingling was able to get fingerprints from the transom and other parts of the store. These are being developed and will be sent to Portland and San Francisco and other coast cities to determine whether or not the burglary was committed by some person with a known criminal record or if it was a "home talent" affair.

Screen removed The screen over the rear transom had been removed, and entrance was gained through the transom by use of a ladder which rested against the rear of the hotel building.

In the prescription room of the pharmacy the burglar had broken off the padlock of a small compartment which contained a supply of narcotics. A small sum of money was also in the drawer. The money was taken but the narcotics was not touched.

The burglar then entered the front part of the store and rifled the cash tills of both the pharmacy and confectionery.

MERCHANTS WARNED FORGER IS COMING

Alleged Crook Headed Toward Ashland From Idaho, Says Message

Local police today received a warning from Sheriff Jeffries of Payette county, Idaho, that an alleged check forger giving the name of V. T. Lange, alias C. F. Turner, is headed in this direction and may attempt to cash fictitious checks on local merchants. The suspected man is about 40 years old, is smooth faced and well dressed. He poses as a representative of the Interstate University of Chicago, according to a report from the Idaho authorities.

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