

Mystery shrouds dynamite blast in Montana, as many as 5 may have been killed

BUTTE, Mont. (UPI) — Confusion, fragmentary evidence and official silence today deepened the mystery surrounding the Saturday night explosion of more than a ton of dynamite here that may have killed as many as five persons.

Officials, however, worked under the theory of at least four dead on the basis that the mangled remains of two automobiles and a pickup truck were found at the scene.

"Each car had a driver," said Sheriff William Dalling. "They might have had one or two passengers."

Motor block numbers were about all sheriff's officers had to identify the victim or victims, who were believed members of a ring of dynamite thieves.

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Portland (UPI) — Robert Evans, 26, Honolulu, was scheduled to be arraigned on a charge of first degree murder here today in connection with the strangulation death of a wealthy Idaho heiress earlier this month.

Evans is accused of the death of Mrs. Irene Davis, 41, of Payette. Her partially clothed body was found in a bathtub in a room at the Portland Hilton Hotel Aug. 6.

Portland police said Saturday night that Evans had "acknowledged verbally... that he was responsible for the death" of Mrs. Davis.

Arrested in Nebraska Evans was returned to Portland early Saturday from Fremont, Neb., where he was arrested after police recognized his car as one described in a police bulletin.

Donald Layman, a Portland attorney, was appointed to handle Evans' case when the latter appeared before Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin later in the day.

George Juba, chief criminal deputy of the Multnomah County district attorney's office, and Byron Shields, chief of detectives of the Portland Police Bureau, issued the statement of Evans' admission.

"In the presence of Mr. Juba and a member of the detective division, Robert Evans acknowledged verbally this morning (Saturday) that he was responsible for the death of Irene Davis in the early morning of Aug. 6, 1963."

An earlier report in a Portland newspaper said that Evans confessed he killed the wealthy heiress when she resisted his advances. The story said robbery was a secondary motive.

Dedication held at Clatsop site ASTORIA (UPI)—Fort Clatsop National Memorial was dedicated Sunday by state and national officials at the site of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's winter camp in 1805-06.

Conrad L. Wirth, director of the National Park Service, was the main speaker at the ceremonies. He and Sen. Maurine Neuberger, D-Ore., predicted that Oregon would have another park, the Oregon Dunes National Seashore, when this session of Congress ends.

The 125-acre memorial four and a half miles southwest of here became a part of the national park system in 1962. About \$400,000 had been spent on facilities prior to Sunday's dedication. Hundreds of visitors passed through a new museum and the reconstructed part.

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MARRIED RECENTLY — Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Murray, who were married March 16 at the Methodist Church in Reno. Mrs. Murray is the former Dora Mae Moore of Roseburg.

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Team probes crash-landing

CALGARY, Alta. (UPI) — An investigating team flew here from Seattle Sunday to investigate the crash-landing of a West Coast Airlines plane with 15 persons aboard late Saturday night.

Eight of the 12 passengers aboard and the crew of three either escaped injury or were released from the hospital after treatment. The other four remained hospitalized.

The plane, a Fairchild F27 twin-engine turboprop, was on the final leg of a flight from Portland, Ore., to Calgary when the accident occurred. The plane crashed in a farm field about a mile from Calgary's McCall Airport.

Passengers were identified as Mr. and Mrs. W. Cohen, Calgary; E. Elston, Missoula, Mont.; Dorothy Severe, Eugene, Ore.; Donna Pearson, Calgary; A. F. Peace, Colfax, Sask.; Cynthia Hunt, Calgary; J. Hilliard, Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray, Palo Alto, Calif.; Joan Ray, Palo Alto, and Ruth Resun, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Elston was admitted to a hospital with possible internal injuries. Miss Severe suffered possible neck injuries. Ray sustained possible fractures and his wife suffered possible chest injuries.

Crew members were identified as Capt. Daniel Wells, Bellevue, Wash.; First Officer Delbert Weinberger, Seattle, and Stewardess Carol Rice, Seattle.

The investigating team from Seattle was composed of West Coast Vice President Harold Wallis, two Federal Aviation Agency investigators and an insurance adjustor.

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Crowds throng '63 County Fair at Prineville

PRINEVILLE — Pleasant fall weather, together with an enlarged county fair program, brought large crowds to the 1963 Crook County Fair during the past weekend.

In oils, first place winners were, landscape, Irma Horton; still life, Eleanor Boyesen; portrait, Margaret Eidemiller; flower, Margaret Merritt; seascape, Irma Horton; animals, Ruth Russell; architecture, Ruth Russell; modern, L. Walker.

In watercolors, firsts went to Elaine Simmers, landscape; Tina Jenne, portrait; flower, animals, modern, Gay Campbell; seascape, Jack Sager. In pastel work, firsts were won by May Pruitt, landscape, flower; Peg Davison, portrait and animals; drawing, pencil, Pat Harley; pen and ink, L. Walker; charcoal, Peg Davison; young art, Rick Jones.

A steady stream of business poured through the restaurant set up by 4-H Club leaders and divisions featuring crafts and hobbies drew numerous interested visitors.

Of noteworthy interest this year, Chappell said, was the number of entries from neighboring Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

The expanded horse show and races Sunday drew a large and enthusiastic audience into the rodeo grounds and the grandstand, where these events were staged in the track directly in front of spectators.

Gus Woods, county agent, played a prominent role in the fair and expressed his satisfaction with the overall picture as the fair drew to its close yesterday.

Ribbons won for needlework

PRINEVILLE — A wide array of the best needlework in the tri-county area was viewed by hundreds of visitors during the past weekend at the Crook County Fair.

Blue ribbons went to a large number of exhibitors. They were: in table and kitchen linens, Evelyn Jones, Mrs. Millard Elkins, Betty Mohan, Winifred Jordan, Della Brandt; Mrs. Ralph Gilchrist, Mrs. Flynn.

In pillow cases, blue ribbons were pinned to entries by Ethel Vice, Karen Nelson, Evelyn Jones, Della Brandt; towels, Mrs. Ralph Gilchrist; spreads, Della Brandt, Maxine Brummer, Lenora Burnett; quilts, Mrs. Vernon Thomas, Marjorie Cleary; rugs, Mrs. Vern Thomas, Mrs. Harold Davis; hand knitting, Mrs. Walter Merritt, Mrs. Ernest Hoffman, Mrs. Everett Hoffman, Bonnie Gilchrist, Naomi Say.

Crocheting, Rose Schwarzer; embroidery, Naomi Say, Maxine Siefford; ladies garments, Leona Puckett, Ramona Romine, Doral Kircher, Betty Mohan, Mrs. Ralph Gilchrist, Mrs. Vernon Thomas; child's garments, Naomi Say, Carole Alley; infant's garments, Mrs. Ralph Gilchrist, Ramona Romine.

Men's clothing, LaDonna Baker, Mrs. Vernon Thomas; textile painting, Joan Dodson, Eva Welch; doilies, Evelyn Jones, Sandra Shrum, Lois Wye, Mrs. Andy Ontko, Mrs. Leo Bauer; weaving, Mrs. John Gretz.

Portland (UPI) — A man drowned and six other persons were rescued after a sneaker fishing capsized two small sports fishing boats in Nehalem Bay about 20 miles north of here Sunday afternoon.

The victim was Edward Benjamin Stahly, 45, Portland. Stahly was in a boat with his wife, Clara, and Forest King of Wheeler. The Coast Guard rescued Mrs. Stahly and King. The woman suffered mild shock and bruises and was taken to a hospital at Wheeler, where she was reported in good condition.

In the other boat were Gerald Herbert, his two teen-age sons and Harold Simantal, all of Hillsboro. They were picked up by persons in nearby boats.

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47 animals are sold at lively auction at fair

PRINEVILLE — One of the best 4-H and FFA sales ever held in connection with the Crook County Fair was auctioned before a record crowd of 600 persons Saturday evening at the Crook county fairgrounds, under the sponsorship of the Prineville Lions club.

Harold Kerr, county 4-H extension agent, compared the sale favorably with former years. He reported that 47 animals were in the sale, with a lively bidding responding to the auctioneering of Jinx Tanler, Redmond. Sale chairman for the Lions' club was Howard Wilson.

A notable part of the sale, Kerr said, was that 19 of the purchased animals were destined for the home freezers of the purchasers. Purchased animals at the sales are customarily later sold at the Redmond auction yards.

Sellers and buyers of the champion animals at the sale were: steers, 4-H, the grand champion raised by Jerry Reynolds and sold to Ochoco Seed and Farm Supply at 47 cents; the 4-H reserve champion, raised by Barbara Reynolds and bought by Erickson's Meat Market at 38 cents.

The grand champion market lamb, 4-H, was raised by Dennis Hayes and sold to the U.S. National Bank at 80 cents; in FFA, raised by Jerald Simmons and sold to Ward Rhodes for 80 cents.

In swine, the grand champion raised by a 4-H club member was entered by Tracy Steelhammer and bought by Ward Rhodes at 58 cents. Dan Guthrie was raiser of the FFA grand champion that sold to the Pilot Butte Hereford ranch at 60 cents.

The sale has been changed from a fat stock to a market stock auction, Kerr said, since club training is planned to emphasize proper feeding for choice meat rather than overfeeding for fat stock.

Cooks awarded prizes at fair

PRINEVILLE — The fine art of cookery drew a large number of entries this year at the Crook County Fair, to which entries were invited from the tri-county area, in all open class competition.

Among the bread-makers of Central Oregon, blue ribbons went to Leona Puckett, Mrs. Merle Story, Mrs. A. C. Kirkpatrick, Mary Albert, Mrs. R. V. Weiser, Mrs. Harold Davis, Betty Mohan, Mrs. Frank Shumway.

In an array of delectable cakes and cookies, judge chose Dottie Brees, Mrs. C. Stowell, Mrs. C. L. Burgess and Mrs. A. C. Kirkpatrick for blue ribbons in cakes and Mrs. Don James, Leona Johnson, Dottie Brees, Mrs. Weiser, Betty Mohan and Mrs. C. L. Burgess for blue ribbons.

Blues went on plates of candy entered by Mrs. Burgess, Naomi Say and Mrs. Darrell Dickson. Best pie-makers were judged to be Ramona Romine and Mrs. Bob Tallman.

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Camera, crafts work displayed, winners told

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In the colored slide division, first place winners were Earl Coulter, landscape - seascape; Rose Mary Wilson, animals; K. E. Baalson, action sports; Mrs. Earl Tucker, flowers. In larger colored slides, Mary Babcock swept the field with three firsts.

Black and white prints were numerous, with firsts being taken by Mary Babcock, Vern Arledge, Leona Johnson, Melvin McCoy. Winners with colored prints were Mary Babcock, Peg Davidson, Clinton Olson Jr., Melvin McCoy, Bernice Davidson, Peg Davidson. Other colored slide winners were Joy Hawthorn, portraits, Rose Mary Wilson, still life.

In tin-can craft, Peg Powery was top winner. Connie Thompson won a first in mosaics, Sicily Flegel in leather craft, Frank Tracey, woodcraft; Mrs. Leo Bauer, ceramics; Peg Davidson, copper enameling.

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