



'DON'T BADGER ME'—This burrowing creature of the genus Meles is a badger, quite common in the Mid-Oregon prairie country, but seldom seen on Bend streets. Yet, it showed up recently at 8th and Lafayette in Bend, and was being petted

by youngsters, when it was placed in quarters. The badger obviously is a pet, and Bend police would like to locate its owner.

'We drank water and we sweated'

Five men tell what it's like buried half-mile underground

**EDITORS NOTE:** Thomas Trueman, Robert June, Charles Byrge, Grant Eslick and Charles Clark know what it is like to be trapped for two days a half mile underground in an explosion shattered mine. Here are their stories as told to United Press International

**By THOMAS TRUEMAN**  
It was hot. We drank water and we sweated. And we worried! Seven of us June, Byrge, Eslick, Clark and Paul McKinney and Donald Blake Hanna, (who were rescued Wednesday night) were working in the east drift when the explosion occurred.

It happened about 20 minutes after a dynamite blast that must have been deep in the west drift. Then gas began moving. It was heavy gas, creeping along the floor.

For four or five hours we built a barricade to try to stop the gas. We knew it was deadly. We built the barricade out of pieces of metal vent lines and wood then packed the bottom with salt. It was hot. We used only one miner's lamp at a time so we would have light as long as possible. We still had one light when we were rescued.

We took turns sleeping. We would sleep for about 10 minutes

about 10 minutes before they arrived. We heard the clank of metal on metal and knew they were on the way.

**By CHARLES CLARK**  
It was hot down there and we started to drink water. We must have finished five gallons in 30 minutes. Then we started drinking water out of water lines. It was river water but it was pretty good.

We never gave up hope but we kept watching and wondering what was holding them up. They should have come sooner. It was rough. I'm tired and hungry but now I can eat and sleep.

Debris found in Atlantic plane quest

**MIAMI (UPI)**—Searchers looking for two missing Air Force Stratotankers and 11 crewmen found a 10-mile-square "floating junkyard" of debris today in the Atlantic 260 miles southwest of Bermuda, the Air Force said.

There was no sign of survivors. An Air Force spokesman said plane paneling, life jackets, radio kits, engine covers, water coolers, helmets and other debris were bobbing in the water "like a floating junkyard."

The fletsam apparently came from the KC135 Strategic Air Command jets which flew out on a refueling mission Wednesday and vanished.

"There was some pretty sizable hunks of debris out there," said a spokesman at the air rescue headquarters in Orlando.

Before dawn, searchers spotted three helmets and several empty life jackets floating in the ocean, prompting an Air Force spokesman to say:

"It isn't the best sign we could have, but we have not given up hope."

The Coast Guard was transferring the debris to Bermuda for positive identification.

Portland gas prices boosted

**PORTLAND (UPI)**—Gasoline prices in the Portland area were increased as much as seven cents a gallon Thursday in an effort to end depressed retail prices.

Among companies reporting price hikes at retail outlets was Standard Oil of California. Union Oil of California is expected to follow, as are several other major suppliers of gasoline.

Motorists have been paying from 24.9 to 26.9 cents a gallon for regular gasoline and 31.9 for premium fuel. The increase is expected to place regular prices at 31.9 and premium grades at 35.9 or higher.

**CASE IN POINT**  
**LOS ANGELES (UPI)**—Juveniles stole a camera, wallet and checkbook Thursday night from the car of local television personality Lee Giroux while he was addressing a group in an elementary school on "the problem of juvenile delinquency in our society."

Threatening calls made to girl prior to double killing in N.Y.

**NEW YORK (UPI)**—A "lunatic" who made obscene and threatening phone calls was sought today in the carving knife slayings of two career girls in their fashionable East Side Manhattan apartment.

One of the victims, pretty Janice Wylie, 21, a niece of writer Philip Wylie, recently had received several crank calls from an unidentified man, according to her father and one of her friends.

"They were from some lunatic Access road sum available

**PORTLAND (UPI)**—The secretary of the interior has notified the Bureau of Land Management that \$266,000 is available for development of access to public lands along the lower Deschutes River, the interior Department regional office here said Thursday.

Russell Getty, BLM director in Oregon and Washington, said that additional and cooperative funds will be sought from state and local governments and private sources.

The \$266,000 is from appropriations made under the Federal Aid to Highways Act, Getty said. The BLM administers about 60 per cent of the frontage on the lower Deschutes.

**BLAST KILLS BOY**  
**TOULON, France (UPI)**—One child was killed and 19 others injured Thursday when a hand grenade went off in the midst of a group of 72 orphans playing on a beach.

Daniel Villien, 14, was killed when he found the grenade half-buried in the sand and struck it with a rock, causing it to explode.

who used obscene language," the friend said Miss Wylie told him. "She was plagued and terrified by the calls. Two weeks ago she told the man, 'Don't ever call me again,'" the friend related to police.

The friend reported that the caller answered: "Then you'll have to take the consequences."

Miss Wylie, an aspiring actress who worked for Newsweek magazine, and one of her two roommates, Emily Hoffert, 23, a school teacher and daughter of a Minneapolis surgeon, were found Wednesday night tied together with sheets in a bedroom of their apartment.

The bodies were discovered by Janice's father, Max Wylie, a writer and advertising executive, who was let into the four-room flat by the third roommate, Patricia Tolles, 23.

Miss Tolles last saw the two girls alive when she left at around 9:30 a.m. EDT on Wednesday for her job at the book division of Time, Inc. Police said the girls were slain later that morning by a quiet killer who ransacked the apartment but apparently did not steal anything.

Dr. Milton Helsen, the city's chief medical examiner, said preliminary autopsies on the bodies showed the girls had not been raped. Helsen said they had been stabbed repeatedly about the neck and abdomen.

Detective chief Lawrence McKearney said, "Anyone able to kill these girls as they were killed is certainly not normal."

**MORE THAN ONE FISH**  
**BRIDGWATER, England (UPI)**—Newsboy Frank Woodward, 81, was jilted Thursday shortly before his wedding to retired nurse Irene Trend, 67, but he was philosophical.

"I think I know someone else who will have me, but I'm not saying who she is," he said.

Wirtz making initial plans for arbitration

**WASHINGTON (UPI)**—Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz has begun the job of bringing rail union and management representatives together for arbitration of the work rules dispute ordered by Congress.

Wirtz wired both sides Thursday to select neutral arbitrators by Thursday. The arbitrators will take up the two main issues on the dispute—firemen and train crew makeup.

Under legislation approved by Congress Thursday, three neutrals will join two representatives apiece from the unions and the railroads to write the decision.

**Wirtz Schedules Meeting**  
Wirtz asked both sides to meet on Sept. 6. The rail unions have not announced their representatives as yet. The railroads named J. E. Wolfe, chief negotiator during the past bargaining, and Guy Knight, a vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad and former chairman of the Eastern Carriers Conference.

In case union and management, as is expected, cannot agree on the neutral arbitrators, the law provides that they will be named by President Kennedy.

Wirtz was said to be considering the names of several well-known figures for the chairmanship of the seven-man board, but no decision was reached on its make-up in case the President must step into the deadlock.

Under the law, the arbitrators will decide the question of displacing firemen on freight and yard diesel locomotives and the reduction of train crew sizes, both of which were requested by management.

**Seek Job Elimination**  
The railroads hope to eliminate 37,000 firemen, and thousands of brakemen and yard helpers. The unions concede that some workers may be cut, but contend that the majority of them are needed for the safe operation of the railroads.

Wirtz also planned to use next week's meeting to set up further mediation sessions on so-called secondary issues in the dispute.

Under the arbitration law, a strike is banned for 100 days, but some observers say that the side that is most adversely affected by the arbitration ruling may toughen its position on the secondary disputes.

Youth sees uncle die in plane crash

**KETCHIKAN, Alaska (UPI)**—A 14-year-old Portland, Ore., youth, Steve Tatham, was safe today after watching his uncle die in an airplane crash in a small lake about 70 miles northeast of here.

Young Tatham had spent four days at their campsite on the lake.

Rex Strong, 42, Ketchikan, was killed when he attempted to take off in his float plane from the unnamed lake near Saks Cove on Behm Canal. His body was found Wednesday inside the plane, in 40 feet of water.

State police said Strong and the Tatham youth had been on a hunting trip and had shot two goats. Strong was attempting to fly out with some of the goat meat at the time of the accident.

The Tatham youth was found when a Coast Guard plane spotted his distress signal. An intensive air search had been launched for the pair when they became overdue Sunday night.

Police said he was in good condition and had enough food left for several days at the time of his rescue.

He was staying here with friends, awaiting the arrival of his stepfather, William J. Aul, from Portland.

**CLOSED BY PICKETS**  
**WEED, Calif. (UPI)**—The International Paper Co. plant here has been closed down by pickets posted by Carpenters Union Local 1599 of Redding.

Company officials said the dispute started Thursday because plant employees rather than union carpenters were used to install a debarking machine at the plywood mill.

The plant reopened Aug. 9 after being shut down for two months by the Northwest-Northern California lumber strike.

Americans swarming onto nation's roads for beginning of summer's final holiday

**By United Press International**

The citizens of the world's most motorized civilization swarmed onto American highways today for the start of summer's final holiday, the 78-hour Labor Day weekend.

The National Safety Council estimated that between 430 and 520 of them would die in traffic accidents during the weekend. Scores more will succumb to assorted other accidents such as claimed 177 lives during Labor Day weekend last year.

According to the council, American motorists will drive 8.7 billion miles between 6 p.m. local time tonight and midnight Monday.

**Record Set In 1962**  
During the 1962 Labor Day weekend a record 501 persons died in traffic accidents.

Records were set during the Memorial and Independence Day weekends this year and Howard Pyle, safety council president,

urged greater caution by motorists "if we are to make sure this frightening performance is not repeated over Labor Day."

Pennsylvania's Bureau of Traffic drew a profile from its accident records of the typical traffic victim over the Labor Day Holiday. He will be, the bureau said, between 17 and 27 years old, with no previous traffic record. He will be killed between 6 p.m. and 3 a.m. while trying to round a curve at excessive speed.

**Safer Far From Home**  
But Michigan state police found that victims in that state were most likely to be killed during

the first six hours of the holiday while driving too fast for road conditions in rural areas within 10 miles of the victim's home.

Tour Manager Jerry Fisher of the Automobile Club of Michigan said the farther from home the driver is, the safer he will be during the Labor Day weekend. Fisher quoted figures showing that three of every four traffic deaths occur within 25 miles of the victim's home.

But safety expert Leonard W. Hagerup of the Kemper Insurance Group said the best way to avoid becoming a statistic over the Labor Day weekend "is to stay home—or at least close to home."

Lawmakers urge lumber quota

**WASHINGTON (UPI)**—More than 100 members of Congress Thursday urged President Kennedy to impose a temporary quota on imports of Canadian lumber.

A petition drafted by Rep. Jack Westland, R-Wash., and signed by 105 other House members said that if the President did not act "there appears to be no other alternative but that the Congress enact legislation to provide a quota."

Pacific Coast lumber producers have complained that the Canadian lumber industry has captured most of the U.S. East Coast lumber market.

The petition also said another meeting between U.S. and Canadian officials should be held to discuss ways to meet the problem.

**Temperatures**  
High and low temperatures and ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low	Pcp
Bend	84	50	
Astoria	63	58	T
Baker	90	48	
Klamath Falls	82	53	
Medford	89	59	
Newport	60	53	.01
North Bend	64	58	
Pendleton	90	62	
Portland	85	61	
Redmond	88	54	
The Dalles	96	52	
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