

AUTOS TAKE MANY LIVES ON HOLIDAY

Traffic Accidents Blamed for Major Share of 15 Northwest Deaths—Toy Train Causes Fatal Burns for Seattle Lad.

(By the Associated Press) Death stalked over the northwest the week end, snuffing out 15 lives. Traffic accidents accounted for the largest number, seven, while five committed suicide. A child burned to death, a man drowned and another died in a logging camp mishap.

Several other persons were injured in automobile accidents, one seriously, and two others were burned.

In Seattle, Ewart Collins, 5, died of burns when sparks from a toy electric train ignited a Christmas tree under which he and a brother were playing. The mother probably was fatally burned in her efforts to rescue Ewart.

Other Seattle deaths included Joe Zimmear, 47. Worried over financial difficulties, he shot himself to death. Herbert Lundemark, 21 died of injuries received when his motorcycle collided with an automobile. Mrs. Neta Hahn, 55, grieving over deaths in her family, drank poison and slashed her throat.

Helen Madison, famous Seattle aquatic star, was bruised and shaken when her car collided with a truck and skidded into a telephone pole.

A traffic accident in Tacoma caused the death of Mrs. O. Hemphill, 82, Tenino, Wash., and injured Mrs. F. S. Hall, Tenino, driver.

Arthur B. Watts, 55, shot himself to death in Bremerton because of ill health. In Spokane, J. E. Perkins, 50, died in the same manner for the same reason.

Brother Finds Body In Vancouver, B. C., a brother found Miss Charlotte Fiddler, 35, in their home with the top of her head blown off. A shotgun lay across her body. That city accounted for two traffic fatalities, when Mrs. Herbert S. Wood, wife of a prominent attorney, died after her car collided with a taxicab. The driver was arrested on a technical charge of manslaughter and released on a \$5000 bond. Mrs. M. Hall was killed when a car driven by Major Stanley Hill struck her.

Moyar Sweet, 20, Portland, was killed in Chehalis, Wash., when an automobile in which he, Alfred Wolfe, 18, and Frank Meier, 20, also of Portland, were riding skidded into a bridge and overturned. An operation was performed on Wolfe for a skull fracture.

Mother Killed A mother of eight children and a member of a prominent Bremerton family, Mrs. J. E. Williams, died in a Sunnyside hospital, near Yakima, from traffic accident injuries. Her husband was slightly bruised.

Struck by a haul-back line, Nels Larsen, 46, logger, was killed in Olympia, and Walter Johnson, 28, drowned at Port Angeles, when he slipped from a log into a mill pond.

George Kappler, 52, contractor and captain of the 1898 Notre Dame football team, died from injuries received when his automobile left the highway near Shelton, and crashed into a stump.

Teachers Talk REORGANIZING SCHOOL SETUP

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Teachers from every county in Oregon were here today to attend the opening session of the three-day convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association. Two thousand were expected to be present before the 31st annual meeting ends Wednesday night.

The first day's program will be devoted to business of the association, at which time major reports will be heard, including the state printing of textbooks and the Oregon education plan. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, will open the discussion on the education plan which calls for a reorganization of the public school system of the state. The plan is the result of a two years' study by committees. The report on state printing of textbooks will be presented by Dean M. Ellwood Smith, Oregon State college.

The broadcast from the submerged submarine came from a point so far down that we expected at first to hear a stark quotation.—Boston Herald.

Theaters in Germany now are almost exclusively showing German "talkies."

One-Man Baby Combine Is Designed To Thresh In Areas of Small Farms

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—(AP)—The big combine of the plains now has a baby brother.

Small combines are being developed here for practical use on small farms and areas of uneven terrain. They, too, will harvest and thresh grain in a single operation.

The machine was invented by R. G. Fleming of Chico, Calif., and is expected to be turned out in mass production in 1932.

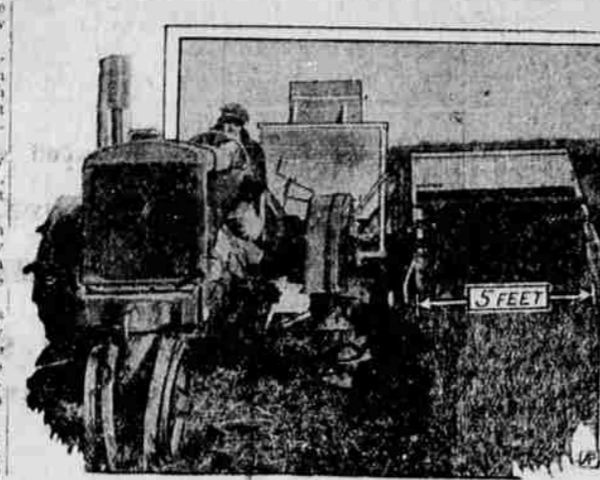
Its advent in certain small-farm areas may make the stationary threshing or "separator" as much a part of ancient history as the flail.

A cylindrical wire brush has been substituted for the heavy iron cylinder and concaves of the regulation threshing machine. The machine cuts a five-foot swath and is capable of threshing grains, grass seed and beans.

It is driven by a power take-off from the tractor, one man operating both the tractor and the combine. An experimental model used this year threshed eight different crops.

The swath cut by the combine is smaller than that cut by the customary binder or header on small farms. The smallness and compactness of the machine are intended to make it practical on farms where bigger combines cannot be used.

There are some regions, however, in which no combine probably ever will be used—those where types of grain, maturing conditions and the weather make it inadvisable to thresh simultaneously with the harvest, or where storage facilities require grain to be thoroughly dried in the shock to prevent heating.



This "baby" combine, cutting a five-foot swath, has made its debut for small grain farms and uneven terrain.

with a Christmas dinner, guests being Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reames and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hearn and Harry Reames.

Miss Sybil Furry spent Christmas vacation at her home here, returning to Yreka Christmas night.

Mrs. H. P. Burleson entertained with a party Christmas eve. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caster and children of Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coffeen and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch and family and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Black of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denzer spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Denzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeBriek.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drake of Phoenix and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rathburn of Talent spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rathburn of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Frame of Talent spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gernsta and Mrs. J. W. Shepherd spent Friday evening at the home of Mrs. M. J. Norris and enjoyed playing bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Burleson and Mr. Simmons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch on Christmas. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coffeen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Black of Medford.

Last week Mrs. Ralph Wilcox made a trip to Roseburg and Mr. Wilcox, who has been taking charge of his brother's hotel for several weeks, accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poling recently purchased a new home west of Phoenix from Mrs. McHugh. The place is a part of the old Fish place near the Parricks' home.

Miss Ruby Higginbotham spent Friday night at the home of Mrs. Elva Caster.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowell and daughter of West Phoenix spent Christmas with Mrs. Crowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sheets.

Mrs. Sam Young entertained with Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Poling and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. N. Poling and family, and Seelye Tedrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Schell and daughter Eleanor were guests of Dr. Standard on Christmas day.

Mrs. Chub Anderson entertained at dinner Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson and son of Medford, Miss Mote, Mrs. John Hilderbrand and children, Mrs. Donna Bradford and Karl and Norman Anderson.

Mrs. S. R. Stevens and sons Sylvester, Andrew and George spent Christmas day with Mrs. Stevens' daughter, Mrs. Leta James, at Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop and family, Jerry Bishop and Miss Lila Bishop spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Owens near Eagle Point.

Mrs. Lillian Coleman entertained

HAIR ON COWS INDICATION OF JANUARY SNOW

Jacksonville Weather Authority Cites Omens—Present Conditions Vex Valley Farmers.

The present weather conditions throughout the Rogue River valley are beginning to vex the farmers who have fired their first beseechments for rain. The present cold spell—one of the longest in several years—with its thawing and freezing, is endangering the fall sown wheat, which is just peaking through the ground. The variable weather causes the earth to open, exposing the roots of the tender grain to the liability of being frozen. A good warm rain would beat the ground down around the roots and close up the cracks in the fields. Otherwise the weather in O. K. with agriculturists and horticulturists.

There is not much to expect rain, according to Frank E. Hybee, Jacksonville rancher and eminent authority on southern Oregon climate. He says that in January there will be a heavy snow in the hills and plenty of moisture on the floor of the valley.

Mr. Hybee bases his prognostications on the curliness of the hair on the north end of his cows, "the smell of the air," and also "a wet year is due." Last year Mr. Hybee opined there was no use looking for any spring rains or much snow in the hills, and he was right.

Considerable snow has fallen in the high places but not enough to cause any excitement, and is regarded by the water master's office as a foundation for the snow to come. The present covering will keep it from melting fast, which was one trouble last winter. They regard the present situation as normal and predict that irrigation reservoirs will be full for the coming season and that streams and creeks will be likewise.

30,000 KILLED IN KANSU AREA BY ISLAMITES

SISTERS VICTIM OF MANIAC ON COUNTY ROAD

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Details of the reported massacre of 30,000 Chinese by a Mohammedan army in Kansu province published here tonight by the Associated Press indicated the slaughter may have been worse than at first stated.

Dispatches from Lanchow, Kansu, which require one month to arrive here, said that in addition to the slaughter in the northwestern part of that province, Islamites in the southern portion went on the war path last month, killing all the old men and women and enslaving the girls.

Other advices said bandits and Mohammedans had carried out several massacres in various parts of Kansu in recent months and that no news of these murderous orgies had been allowed to go out.

What has happened in Kansu province this month remains conjecture.

Old Men and Women Butchered—Girls Are Enslaved—News of Slaughter Orgy Suppressed.

Teachers Returning From Holiday Visit With Parents Found Shot Recently—Released Man Held.

BLACKWELL, Okla., Dec. 29.—(AP) Oklahoma officers today sought the slayer of two sisters, school teachers, who were returning to their duties after the Christmas holidays, found shot to death yesterday by the roadside south of Tonkawa. The motive was not apparent.

The victims, Jexie Griffith, 25, and Jessie Griffith, 24, were slain and robbed of their motor car while driving back to their schools after spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Griffith. Each was shot thru the head.

Lyman Constant, 35, recently released from the state hospital for the insane at Norman, Okla., was arrested last night in Enid, Okla., for questioning.

Officers said Constant appeared familiar with details of the crime. He was committed to the state hospital from Blackwell in 1927.

POSTAL ROBBERS LIBERATE FUMES

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Postal office employees here went to work this morning with tears in their eyes.

Burglars last night tried a hand at opening the vault, disregarding a sign that tear gas would be liberated if the lock was tampered with.

As a result the entire building was enveloped in gas fumes. Nothing of value was taken from the office.

Gold Beach.—Standard Oil Co. to build oil and gas distributing station near this city.

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