

# 633 MEET DEATH DURING HOLIDAY; AUTOS KILL MOST

## Delaware Only State Without Traffic Fatality—418 Smashup Death Total.

By the Associated Press  
Violent death struck at the four corners of the nation over the three-day Christmas holiday, leaving 633 victims. Traffic accidents accounted for 418 of the total, the rest resulting from fire, shootings, stabbings and other tragedies. Last year 508 persons died in various kinds of accidents and as the result of violence. The traffic toll last year was 395.

Five states—Nebraska, Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wyoming—passed the 1938 Christmas holiday without a fatality but this year only Delaware had that experience.

**Illinois Leads List**  
Leading the list this year was Illinois with 64 dead. Traffic accidents accounted for 27, 14 were killed by trains, eight by violence, eight were suicides, three died of carbon monoxide poisoning and four from other causes. Second was California with 47 deaths—38 in traffic and nine by fire.

Ohio led last year with 42 while Texas was second with 40. This year Ohio had 35, 25 attributed to traffic. Texas had only 23 this holiday season, 21 of which were due to traffic accidents.

Chicago reported more than 1,400 traffic accidents over the week-end and five states reported deaths by freezing or exposure, three of them in the south—Tennessee, North Carolina and New Mexico.

**Coasting Kills 12**  
There were 12 deaths from coasting in New York state.

Although last year was a "green" one with comparatively little snow and ice against a preponderantly white Christmas this year, the traffic accidents remained about the same.

The total death list by states: Alabama 3; Arizona 5; Arkansas 8; California 47; Colorado 9; Connecticut 15; District of Columbia 5; Florida 8; Georgia 26; Idaho 1; Illinois 64; Indiana 15; Iowa 7; Kansas 11; Kentucky 10; Louisiana 5; Maine 7; Maryland 9; Massachusetts 10; Michigan 30; Minnesota 8; Mississippi 3; Missouri 11; Montana 1; Nebraska 4; Nevada 2; New Hampshire 3; New Jersey 12; New Mexico 6; New York 40; North Carolina 9; North Dakota 1; Ohio 35; Oklahoma 15; Oregon 5; Pennsylvania 40; Rhode Island 2; South Carolina 17; South Dakota 7; Tennessee 11; Texas 23; Utah, Vermont 3; Virginia 14; Washington 16; West Virginia 17; Wisconsin 10; Wyoming 2.

# 7,500 TURKEYS REMAIN UNSOLD

Shippers estimated today there are approximately 7,500 turkeys left in the Rogue River valley, after the Christmas holidays. It is expected the birds will find a sale in the mid-January markets.

Christmas shipments were hampered by lack of a market, and a price cut. Furthermore, a portion of the turkeys were not in good shape.

It is estimated between 45,000 and 50,000 turkeys were produced in this section. Throughout the nation the turkey crop was the heaviest in several years.

# BEAUTIFUL YULE TREE GRACES HOTEL LOBBY

Guests of the Hotel Medford, and citizens of this community as well, have received much pleasure from the attractive Christmas tree in the hotel's front lobby. The tree, one of the most beautiful ever featured by the Hotel Medford, was selected in the woods, coated with silver and attractively decorated by Harry Watson, a member of the staff.

Each year the Hotel Medford features one of the outstanding decorated trees and each season for a number of years, Harry Watson has planned and executed the decorations.

# SOCIETY and Clubs

## Todds Announce Daughter's Troth

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Todd of this city announce the engagement of their daughter Edith to Robert Lee Brantley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brantley of Ashland.

No date has been set for the wedding ceremony.

## Committee To Meet Tomorrow

The executive committee of the Adult Missionary society of the Christian church will convene Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Julia Gregory, 829 East Jackson street. Mrs. Ethel Latham will be the assistant hostess.

## Miss Dale Here For Holidays

Miss Edna Dale spent the week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dale. She made the trip home by plane and returned by plane last evening to a student nurse at the French hospital.

This marks the former local girl's first year of training in the hospital.

## Ralph Norris Hosts For Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris were hosts Saturday afternoon for one of the largest social affairs of the season.

The couple bid numerous friends to the Yule event which was held in the banquet room of the Hotel Medford.

# REV. HAMILTON TO LEAVE TOMORROW FOR LOS ANGELES

The Rev. James M. Hamilton, who resigned about six months ago as pastor of the First Christian church, will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles where he will engage in the insurance business.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton read the following statement to his congregation at the church service Sunday morning: "Six months ago I had no thought that today I would be concluding my ministry with you. But following the July board meeting I came to the conclusion that I did not wish to go through another ordeal of bickering; so on the next Sunday I read to you my resignation, effective January 1, 1940.

"From that day and until last week my plans for the future were not determined. But today, in fairness to our many friends who have been vitally concerned about our future, I am prepared to make the first announcement of my decision.

"On January 2, I expect to sign a contract to represent the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company in Los Angeles. I assure you that this has not been an easy decision, or lightly made.

"Mrs. Hamilton and the children will remain here until it is determined in what part of the city we prefer to establish our home.

"While my ministry does not officially close until January 1, a personal agreement has been reached by Brother Coleman and myself whereby he will occupy the pulpit for the first time on next Sunday, this arrangement being to the advantage of each of us."

The Brother Coleman referred to is the Rev. R. W. Coleman of Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. Hamilton's business address in Los Angeles will be Suite 1210, 330 West Sixth street.

Mr. Hamilton became pastor of the First Christian church here in January, 1937, and during the three years that have passed under his pastorate 143 new members have joined the church. He came here directly from New Haven, Conn., where he had just finished three years of graduate study at Yale university, from which institution he holds a B. D. degree. Once before he engaged in the insurance business. During his residence here, he has been active in civic and religious affairs and has a wide circle of friends.

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# LINCOLN MCCORMACK EX-MEDFORD RESIDENT PASSES IN NEW YORK

Lincoln McCormack, former well known Medford resident, died at his home in Irvington-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., December 24, according to word received by friends of the family here today.

No details concerning his illness or death were included in the brief information, but it is known the former Medford attorney had not been enjoying his usual robust health during the past few months.

Lincoln McCormack moved with his family from New York to Medford early in 1911 and opened a law office in the Medford National bank building, where he was actively engaged in practice for 12 years, during which time he was attorney for the original Crescent City railroad development company, and also for the Medford Irrigation District.

Shortly after close of the World war, he returned with his family to New York and resumed his law practice in that city, having offices on Lower Broadway near the Battery. Several years ago he retired from practice in New York City however, and aside from consultation practice in his home town of Irvington, did not actively engage in his profession of late years, spending several months of each year in Pasadena, Calif.

While a resident of Medford, Mr. McCormack took a very active part in the civic and business development of the community, and enjoyed a reputation of being one of the most competent lawyers in southern Oregon. He and members of his family were also prominent socially, being charter members of the old University and Country clubs, and entertaining extensively at their home on Ross Court.

One of the outstanding social events of that period, in fact, was the marriage of Miss Madge McCormack, to Ralph Mathieson of New York City, the ceremony being performed at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Conro Fiero north of the city.

Lincoln McCormack graduated from Columbia University, New York City, in the class of 1886, and after the "grand tour" of the world studied law at the Columbia Law School, entering practice in his native city immediately after graduation. He was 75 years old at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alys McCormack, a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Mathieson, a son, Lincoln, Jr., and several grandchildren.

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 26.—(P)—Henry C. Smith changed his plea from innocent to guilty today and was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Justice of Peace R. S. Anderson. Smith admitted charging Lon Otis, restaurant cook, \$170 for a piece of copper which he represented to be a nugget.

Strange Action. Portland, Dec. 26.—(P)—Stanley Patterson, 22, Negro porter, died today of a bullet wound in his heart. Police questioned his wife, Bobbie Patterson, 22, who said her husband had been "acting strangely."

# Dies in Leap



Mrs. Rose Marie Thompson (top), bride of two months, leaped or fell to her death in Los Angeles from a moving auto driven by her husband, Clifford L. Thompson (lower), who was arrested on suspicion of negligent homicide and suspicion of drunk driving. Thompson is shown at police station.

# MOTHER WATCHES AS CHILDREN BURN

Chicago, Dec. 26.—(P)—A distraught mother stood by helplessly today while fire killed her 3½-year-old son and two baby daughters in their apartment on the north side.

Firemen said an oil heater apparently exploded while Mrs. Marie Worthley, 22, wife of a truck driver, went upstairs to telephone.

She had left the youngest child, Judith, seven months, in her crib. William Edward and Donna Jean, 20 months, were playing about the family's first Christmas tree in the living room.

Flames destroyed the apartment.

# MANY ACCIDENTS BOOKED HERE IN HOLIDAY TRAFFIC

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and pushing the front of it into a ditch.

**Complaint Filed.**  
Dunn this morning filed a complaint in justice court, charging Kresse with driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Attorney George Codding appeared for Kresse and was given until 2 p. m. Thursday to enter a plea.

**Other accidents reported:**  
Car turned over Sunday at Crater Lake avenue and Main street and towed after the accident to the Lewis Super Service station. Police said the driver of the car could not be found. The car was listed to Hazel Wolf of Ruch.

**Parked Car Hit**  
Willard E. Smith, 806 West Main, reported Sunday morning that his car, parked in front of his home, had been struck in the rear left fender and tail light by an auto whose driver did not stop. Later, reports showed, Fred Hahn of 38 North Riverside avenue notified city police he was the driver of the car and would pay for repairs to Smith's auto.

Cars operated by Harold B. Looper of 419 West Second street and Robert Harnish of 111 North Fir street sideswiped on West Sixth street and Fir street at 7 p. m. Saturday, a report stated.

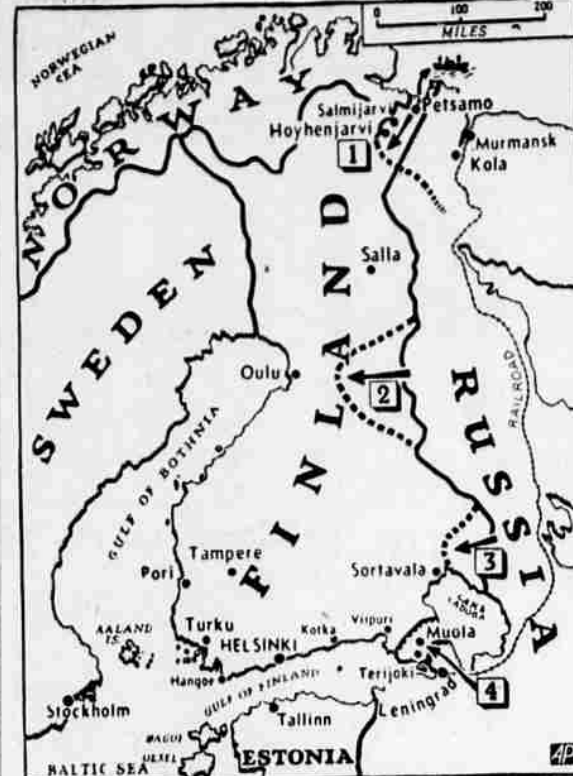
Cars operated by Robert L. Higgins, route 4, and Alton G. Schaffer, 107 Almond street, collided in the intersection at West Eleventh and King streets at 7 p. m. Saturday, according to the report filed.

**Reports Disagree**  
Ronald W. Baker, P. O. box 642, and L. G. Deen of Eagle Point were operators of cars that collided on the Crater Lake highway two miles beyond Eagle Point at 2:45 a. m. Sunday, reports on file showed. The two drivers listed conflicting causes.

Harold Owings of Lakeview reported that early Sunday morning as he was travelling on Crater Lake highway seven miles north of Medford he was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car, drove into a ditch and struck a telephone pole.

Cars operated by William H. Juhnke, route 1, and James M. Blevins, Gold Hill, collided at Central avenue and Third street Saturday afternoon, reports disclosed.

# Finns, Reds Make Claims



Russia's Red army reported it had advanced 81 miles from Finland's Arctic coast on the northern front (1), 92 miles toward Oulu in its drive to cut Finland's wasp-waist (2), 50 miles towards Sortavala on the east front (3), and 40 miles on the Karelian isthmus front (4). Finland, however, reported that the Reds were in retreat on the northern and central fronts and that a counter-attack was under way on the isthmus front.

# 1,500 CHILDREN AT MOVIE PARTY

Fifteen hundred bright-faced children of Jackson county enjoyed the annual Mail Tribune-George A. Hunt theaters Christmas movie party yesterday morning.

Identical programs were presented at both the Craterian and Rialto theaters and both playhouses teemed with the happy kiddies. The children got the utmost enjoyment out of the program of comedy and cartoon pictures.

Feature picture was Laurel and Hardy's "Blockheads." An Andy Clyde comedy and Disney cartoons were added features.

**Miners Get Jobless Pay**  
Cleveland, Dec. 26.—(P)—Ohio coal miners made idle by last spring's bituminous shutdown are entitled to unemployment insurance payments, a state court held today. The United States Coal Co., which brought suit on behalf of itself and other operators, indicated it would appeal.

**Snow in Pendleton.**  
Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 26.—(P)—Snowfall that began here at mid-morning turned to rain at noon, with the few stray flakes in it melting as they fell. A banana belt Christmas was chalked up here yesterday with a high temperature of 54 degrees, although the mercury skidded to 22 last night. Precipitation was recorded as a trace.

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