

91,000 Persons Killed In United States Last Year

Chicago, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Accidents killed 91,000 persons in the U. S. last year, inflicting disabling injuries on one out of every 16 persons and cost \$7,200,000,000, the National Safety Council reported today.

But high as those figures were, Ned Dearborn, president of the safety council, said the nation took "an encouraging step in the right direction."

Represents Reduction
The death total represented a three per cent reduction from the previous year—a saving of 3,000 lives.

Road mishaps led the list, with home accidents a close second. But all classifications showed decreases, the largest—

six per cent—in occupational accidents.

The deaths by classes: motor vehicle, 31,500; home, 30,500; occupational, 15,000; public not including motor vehicles, 16,000. The council points out that this totals 93,000 deaths, but said 2,000 were duplicated in the various categories.

Lowest On Record
The death rate for the year in all types of accidents was 61.2 per 100,000 population—the lowest rate on record, surpassing the previous low of 64.3 in 1948.

The estimated economic loss from accidents during the year was \$7,200,000,000 from both fatal and non-fatal accidents.

Occupational deaths went down 1,000, with a saving of 400 in the coal mining industry alone.

Portland On List
Portland, Ore., and Kansas City, Mo., had the greatest drop in fatal accidents among cities over 200,000 population. Each was 41 per cent below 1948. San Francisco had a 40 per cent decrease, and Cincinnati, O., a drop of 39 per cent.

Fifty-three cities of 10,000 population or more completed the year without a single traffic death. Great Falls, Mont., with a population of 40,000, was the largest city with a perfect record.

Minneapolis and San Francisco had the lowest traffic death rate among cities over 500,000 population, each with 2.3 deaths per 10,000 registered motor vehicles.

Family Of 6 Lives On \$95.96 For One Month

New York, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Housewives who use their husbands for more money for the food budget could take a lesson today from City Welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard.

The \$15,000-a-year commissioner kept his own family of six on a food budget of \$95.96 last month—about 52 cents a day for each person.

Hilliard conducted the experiment to prove that a recent seven per cent cut in the individual food allowances for persons on relief was justified.

The commissioner pointed out that his family of six would have received \$124.50 for food if they had been on relief—and thus would have saved \$28.54.

He admitted, however, that the money saved would have gone for cigarettes and other items not included in the food budget.

Mrs. Mary Hilliard, his wife, said she got along fine on the budget by buying cheaper cuts of meat.

Dead line Sunday Classified is Noon Saturdays.

Rogue Cemetery Members Accept Free Water Offer

Rogue River, Feb. 7.—At a special meeting of the Cemetery association held February 4, in the Civic club rooms, members voted to accept the city council's offer of free water for the cemetery and to buy water pipes at once.

Regarding installing water pipes, it was recalled that since beginning of the first cemetery in early Woodville days, people of the town and especially of the surrounding country have always proudly responded when called to work in their cemetery and it was decided to inform them their help will be needed in the near future.

To Go Through Ranch
We will connect with the city main at the Pharr ranch, said Phil Strahan, chairman of the association. "Pharr has given us the right to run the pipe through his place. It will go through the garden, berry patch and the hog pen. That part must be dug by hand, about 250 feet. Then it will run through the clover field and we plan to use a subsoiler and pull the pipe through by tractor. But it must be done soon, before the clover starts to grow. We can't set a definite date and notify workers ahead of time because the weather is so changeable. But we will call as many as we can contact as soon as the weather breaks.

"This is the Woodville cemetery," stated Mrs. W. A. White. "We retained the original name and did not change it when the town became Rogue River. The cemetery association was first organized in 1884, later the books and records were destroyed by fire and the association was organized in 1924."

All persons owning lots, or heirs of owners are members of the association. Dues are \$1 a year and money thus derived is used for general expenses and upkeep of the driveways. But the care of the individual lots depends upon the owners if living and upon their death the care of their lot falls to the duty of their surviving relatives or friends. It is the custom of the community to gather on a set date each year, usually the week end prior to Decoration day, and work together to clean and improve the entire cemetery.

"Many of the early settlers who are buried there have no families left, they have all passed on or moved away," said Strahan, "but we try to take care of their graves and we would appreciate it if the new residents would join us in this worthy work, whether they own lots or not they can help in this civic service. Every one brings their own tools on clean up day, and they bring sandwiches or other cooked food for a potluck luncheon at our house. We always cook a big kettle of beans and a huge pot of coffee to serve the workers. Old friends meet to work side by side, bound together with ties of grief and sorrow as well as with the common interests of life. To the new residents our cemetery among the pines may look rugged, but the pioneers who sleep there were just as rugged, and I am sure they feel more at home than if they lay under the clipped turf of a city park surrounded by carefully pruned hedges.

"We will hold a regular meeting in April as usual," he continued, "but we will need help with the pipes this month. Please be ready to come when called."

FALL FATAL
Tokyo, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Army Sgt. Olen D. Surratt, 29, Hawkins, Tex., died in a military hospital of a fractured skull received in a fall February 1, the army announced today.

GI's Widow Cannot Claim Half Of Insurance Benefits, Court Claims

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The supreme court ruled today that a GI's widow cannot claim half his life insurance benefits under state community property laws if she is not named beneficiary.

Such state laws generally say that property acquired by either a husband or wife becomes the joint property of both. California courts ruled that a widow has a right to half the insurance proceeds, since the husband's salary was used to pay the premiums. **Finding Overruled**
But the supreme court over-

ruled the California finding in a 5 to 3 decision read by Justice Tom C. Clark. Justices Sherman Minton, Felix Frankfurter and Robert H. Jackson dissented. Justice William O. Douglas did not take part.

"Congress has spoken with force and clarity in directing that the proceeds belong to the named beneficiary and no other," Clark said.

He found constitutional the national service life insurance act of 1940 which set up the GI insurance system.

The ruling stemmed from a suit brought by Mrs. Leonard O. Wissner in a Los Angeles state court. Her husband, an army major, died in India in 1945. Mrs. Leonard Wissner, his mother, had been receiving \$76.50 monthly from the veterans administration on his \$10,000

Trial Set For Man Charged With Illegal Practice Of Medicine

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The trial of Otto Soles, laboratory technician charged with practicing medicine without a license, has been set for February 27, it was disclosed today.

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life insurance policy. The widow brought suit against the husband's parents to compel them to split the payments with her. **Argues To Contrary**

In approving her claim, the state courts held unconstitutional the federal law exempting national service life insurance payments from attachment. The federal government argued to the contrary. It said the heart of the law is the right of a ser-

vice man to designate whom ever he wishes as beneficiary. Several similar suits have been started in Los Angeles courts.

In his dissent, Minton said neither the federal law nor the GI himself should be allowed to wipe out "family property rights which traditionally have been defined by state law."

Other community property states include Idaho, Arizona,

Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico and Pennsylvania.

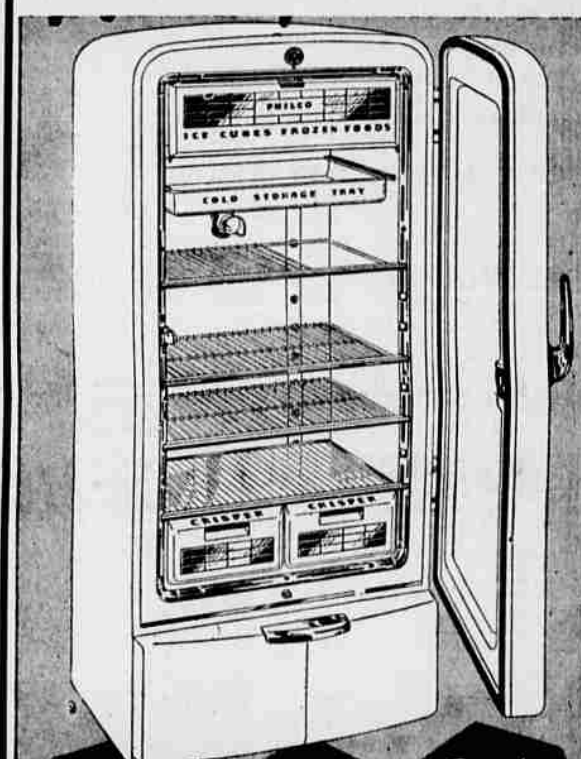
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