



SUIT SETTLED—Imogene Wittsche, 14-year-old Roseville, Calif., girl whose legs were covered by a speedboat in Lake Tahoe last June 28, smiles happily in University of California Hospital in San Francisco after her damage suit against Phil Davis, operator of the boat, was settled for \$150,000. Imogene, already fitted with an artificial limb on her left leg, is awaiting another operation to prepare her right leg for an artificial limb. With Imogene is Nurse Phyllis Buchan.

Flipper's Baby Born Dead; Seaside Mourns

Seaside, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Flipper's baby was born dead and there was mourning among the visitors to the Seaside aquarium. Flipper was believed to be the first seal ever bred in captivity and for 11 months Seaside residents and resort commuters have been waiting for the birth. Dr. R. E. Koenig, veterinarian, said Flipper went over-time in delivering her offspring. He estimated it had been dead 24 hours before it was born at 3 p. m. Friday. Observers report that after it was over, Nappy, the baby's father, nosed up to Flipper "to assure her it was all right."

Employment Men Set Conclave Next Week

Salem, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—A three day meeting of state unemployment compensation commission personnel will open here Monday. About 100 local office managers, employment deputies, farm placement representatives and central office staff men of the commission are expected to attend. Silas Gaiser, commission administrator, will outline aims of the conference. Earl Lovell, state employment director, will preside. Farm placement, veterans and local office reporting will be discussed Monday afternoon. Job development in the employment service program will be subjects of the Tuesday sessions. Claims procedures will be studied Wednesday.

Armour Ex-Official Pleads Innocent to Alteration Charge

Portland, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Ronald J. Smith, former assistant manager of the Portland plant of Armour Co., pleaded innocent Friday when he was arraigned in circuit court on a charge of altering company records to hide an alleged shortage of \$127,000 worth of produce. A total of five men have been indicted in the case. Charles S. Moore, part owner of a grocery store, pleaded innocent to a charge of receiving stolen property. Johnnie O. Watson, formerly employed at the Armour loading dock, and Glen Porter, truck driver, will plead later. Harold H. Prenger, Orchard, Wash., indicted with Watson for larceny, failed to appear in court for arraignment.

Portland Lodge To Present Rites for 1500 Masons

Grants Pass, May 13—Approximately 1,500 Jackson and Josephine county Masons are expected here May 20 for the presentation of "A Dramatic Picture of Freemasonry" by Research lodge of Portland.

Headed by Shalor C. Eldridge, grand master of Oregon Masons, the Research lodge will give what is called an "amplified symbolic presentation of the three craft degrees" in the Heater-Newman memorial gymnasium. To Display Relics

The Eastern Star social club will serve a nominally priced buffet banquet in the Lincoln school auditorium before the presentation ceremonies. There will also be a display of historical relics of early-day masonry supplied through the courtesy of Belt lodge No. 18 of Kerby; Warren lodge No. 10 of Jacksonville and Central Point lodge No. 135.

Shrine chapters from Hillah temple AAONMS and the Hillah temple band will be featured during the banquet hour. Ralph S. Nesbitt, right worshipful senior grand warden of the grand lodge of Oregon, will speak. Grants Pass Masons said a portion of the program will honor 50-year Masons and distinguished guests from California. George Dryer, past master of Research lodge of Portland, will honor Masons of this district by exhibiting the first traveling Masonic library, they said.

To Tyle Masons—Masons attending will be "tyled" before they are permitted to enter the Heater-Newman building.

Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Deputy Grand Master Fred A. Purdin, assisted by Worshipful Masters Elliott B. McCracken, Ashland; L. O. Rogers, Prospect; Wallace B. Brill, Medford; G. W. Morey, Kerby; Henry H. Halvorsen, Jacksonville; Merritt J. Swing, Central Point, and Chester D. Hyatt, Grants Pass, and by Thomas F. Gunn, Grants Pass, a member of Research lodge; Harold R. Bowserman, Kerby; Ted Paulus and R. H. Singleton.

Curry, Wheeler Record No Traffic Fatalities

Salem, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Two Oregon counties, Curry and Wheeler, went through 1949 without a single traffic fatality, the state traffic safety division reported today.

And sizable death reductions in major counties enabled the state to mark up its overall 16 per cent decrease for the year.

SUFFOCATES IN ROCK BIN—Las Vegas, Nev., May 13 —(U.P.)—John R. Denning, 19, suffocated when he fell into a storage bin loaded with finely-crushed rock at the Blue Diamond corporation gypsum mill here last night.



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Dr. Sander Uses Plow To Keep Family Eating

Manchester, N. H., May 13 —(U.P.)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander, stripped of his medical license, now is plowing farms at \$4 an hour to keep his family eating, friends said today.

They said the Candia physician, acquitted in the mercy-murder case, has started hiring out with a roto-tiller he formerly used on his garden and is "taking every job he can get."

CLAIMS DIVING RECORD

Avalon, Cal., May 14 —(U.P.)—Mrs. Norma Hansen of Avalon claimed a new women's deep sea diving record by going down 220 feet in the Pacific ocean off Catalina island today.

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Longview Man Dies in Plunge From Hotel

Portland, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Frank Lundmark, about 60, of Longview, Wash., was killed early today when he plunged from a third floor window at the Belmont hotel.

City police were investigating the death to determine whether he jumped, was pushed or fell.

Lundmark was wearing only his underwear when he plunged to the sidewalk. His body was taken to the Multnomah county morgue where a preliminary examination revealed that death was due to a skull fracture.

The coroner's office said an autopsy would be performed today and an inquest scheduled.

Klamathite Succumbs To Heart Attack

Klamath Falls, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Samuel Goddard, 53, died of a heart attack Friday during a fight with 28-year-old John Holloway. Holloway had eight stitches taken in his head as a result

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HEIRESS TO \$500,000 estate, Mrs. Mary Reardon Guici, 17, sits stony-faced as Los Angeles superior judge transfers shoplifting case against her to the juvenile court. (International Soundphoto)

Portland Police Hold Man for Investigation

Portland, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—City police said today they were holding Bonifacio Q. Quitevis, 45, on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and for investigation in connection with the death of Orald Bert Rhodes.

Officers said the men were fighting on a downtown Portland sidewalk when Rhodes, over 60, backed toward the street to get away from Quitevis. As the older man backed into the street, he tripped and fell into the path of an oncoming truck, driven by James R. Ring of Portland.

Ring ran over Rhodes' head before he could stop the truck. Rhodes was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Vincent's hospital.

Bring Cherries from Italy Off Trade List

Portland, Ore., May 13 —(U.P.)—Oregon cherry growers will no longer have to compete with brined cherries from Italy, Marshal Swearingen, executive vice president of the state farm bureau, said yesterday.

Swearingen reported that the state department had notified the farm bureau that Italian brined cherries were omitted from trading lists and that no tariff reduction was likely under reciprocal trade agreements.

EARTHQUAKE FELT

Los Angeles, May 13 —(U.P.)—Slight local earthquake shook the international airport today, but no damage was reported.

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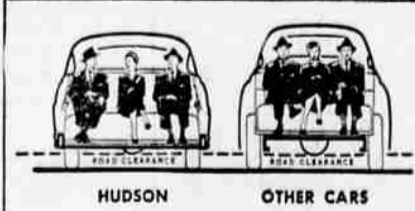
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