

Two Auto Crashes Cited by Claimants In Damage Action

Two damage suits arising out of automobile accidents in Jackson county were filed this week in circuit court.

One of them, filed against William Edward Short, 18 West Third st., and Steve O. Wilson, Trail, is the second one naming these defendants to be filed in recent weeks. It arose out of a fatal accident last Oct. 10.

The suit, seeking \$20,000, was brought by Luella Richter, administratrix of the estate of Earl H. Woodley, Dufur, who died as the result of injuries received in the accident.

The suit was brought on behalf of Woodley's widow, Mrs. Zephora Woodley, 51, Dufur, who last week brought suit against the same two defendants for \$81,000 for personal damages involving the same accident.

Two Fatally Injured

Woodley and his father, Clark Eugene Woodley, 85, Grants Pass, were fatally injured in the accident, which occurred when a truck, driven by Short, dumped its load of logs on the car in which they were riding. Mrs. Woodley was a passenger in the car at the time of the accident.

Wilson was the owner of the logging vehicle.

As in the first complaint, the plaintiff charges the accident was caused by carelessness, recklessness, and negligence on the part of the defendants.

In the second suit, Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Gutierrez, Compton, Calif., seek damages they charge were incurred in a Dec. 24, 1954, automobile accident on Highway 99, near Siskiyou summit.

Named as defendant in both suits is Rex Strong, Kosmos, Wash.

Damages Asked
Mrs. Gutierrez asks \$70.50 special damages and \$5,000 general damages, and her husband asks \$81.35 special damages and \$5,000 general damages.

Reports at the time of the accident said Gutierrez was hospitalized following the mishap. The couple's 8-month-old son, Rafael E. Gutierrez Jr., received two broken legs in the crash.

Mrs. Gutierrez was driving the car at the time of the accident. The complaints charge that the mishap, which occurred in foggy, snowy weather, was caused by carelessness, negligence, and recklessness on the part of the defendant.

Robert R. Dickey, Medford, is attorney for the plaintiffs in all three damage actions.

Britain's colony Hong Kong is about the area of New York City.

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SECTION TWO

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National Scout Staff Man To Visit Area; Two Meetings Slated

Paul Moore, assistant national director of exploring for the Boy Scouts of America, will meet with adult leaders of the Crater Lake Area council of the Boy Scouts Friday and Saturday nights.

Moore, a professional scoutmaster from 20 years, has been a scout executive in Minnesota, North Dakota and Idaho, and joined the national staff about three years ago.

Among his present duties is directing the explorer wood-bagge courses, and was in charge of scouting activities at the national Scout Jamboree at Santa

Ana, Calif., including rifle, archery and mo-skeet ranges, fly and bait casting, and other field sports.

Friday at 7:30 p.m. he will meet with explorer leaders, senior crew leaders, explorer committee members, commissioners, district training and activities chairmen, and others interested in exploring activities.

John J. Patton and Sherril Doty will be in charge of the meeting, which will be at the community hall of the Jackson County Housing project at Priddy st. and McAndrews rd. Discussions will cover the explorer program on the unit level, including purposes of explorer work, advancement and unit activities.

Second Meeting
The other meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the same place, with J. A. McDougal and John Patton in charge. This meeting is primarily for commissioner staffs, district chairmen, training and activities chairmen, as well as other council and district leaders. Explorer programs on the council and district level will be discussed, and Moore is expected to tell how units can best be served. He will explain how to plan council and district special activities such as the recent "Operation Iceicle," how to promote advancement, training and coordination of activities.

Portland is the only other area in the Pacific northwest where Moore will visit on his present trip. A good attendance is hoped for, scouts declared.

Shotguns Frighten Portland Starlings
Portland — (U.P.) — Shotgun blasts by city police apparently have driven away most of the starlings that invaded the Creston Park area here early this year.

Paul Wiggins, head of the city nuisance division, said the annoying little birds are not half the problem now that they were a few weeks ago. Wiggins said the nuisance division still is trying to find a way to get rid of the birds by other methods than shooting.

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Oregon Mortgages Offered for Sale

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — The federal government has put up for sale some mortgages worth \$9,000,000 covering some 1,100 homes in Oregon.

Paul Akin, manager of the District Federal National Mortgage Association, said the sale was one step toward taking government out of the mortgage business.

He said at least 80,100 homes in nine western states, Hawaii and Alaska were included in the project. The mortgages represent \$700,000,000 in total value, he said.

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Amnesia Victim Dies in Hospital

Boise, Ida. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Maida Neal, a 26-year-old amnesia victim who allegedly had two husbands, died in a local hospital yesterday.

Boise police listed her death as a suicide, but they were unable to determine immediately exactly how she took her life.

She had been released from a local hospital only last Sunday, when she was treated for what police then said was an overdose of sleeping tablets "and possibly some rat poison."



STANDING BEHIND late Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Alger Hiss, convicted traitor, is close to late President F. D. Roosevelt (right), in picture made during top level conference at Yalta. Release of conference papers by State Department again brought Hiss' Yalta work into limelight. (International)

Third Avenue 'El' To Make Final Run Up East Side of Manhattan Next Month

New York — (U.P.) — The third Avenue "El" will make a final run up the east side of Manhattan next month and continue right on into oblivion.

Or to the scrap pile, to be more exact. The elevated railway, built in 1878 and the sole survivor of its species in Manhattan, will go down under the acetylene torch just as the Ninth, Sixth and Second Avenue El's went down before. Subways and buses have taken their place.

Nostalgic railroad fans have arranged to take a ceremonial last ride on the Third Avenue line next Sunday. A special train will take them on the 28 mile round trip from the Bronx to City Hall and back. Daily service on the line will be discontinued April 15.

Built To Clear Streets
So ends the 75 year history of the elevated railway as a means of rapid transit in Manhattan. The El's were built in the 1870's and 80's to get trains off the

streets of the growing metropolis. The first trains were pulled by steam locomotives. The El's were accepted as an ugly but practical part of city life, although carriage and wagon drivers complained about hot coals dropping from above.

"The elevated railroad," said a guidebook of 1893, "is the crowning achievement in solving the problems of rapid transit."

Electric power replaced steam around the turn of the century, but already there was talk of putting the trains underground. "Preposterous!" said financier Russell Sage in 1900. "New York people will never go into a hole in the ground to ride."

End of an Era
But they did, and still do, and the Transit Authority takes the view that those who still use the Third Avenue El can go by subway or bus without too much inconvenience. The El has been losing money for years.

Razing of the El will mean the end of an era on Third Avenue. Long gloomy crannies of the bowery will be bathed in sunlight. Real estate values already have started to rise along the avenue that had become best known for its pawn shops and derelicts.

The El's pounding rhythms have been written into musical scores, and its roar, or a reasonable facsimile, has drowned out the cries of innumerable murder

victims in performances of the drama "Sorry, Wrong Number." Looks like they'll have to rewrite that script.

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