

# Survival Town Blast Would Have Killed All Residents Within One Mile

## Civilization Making Wildlife Conservation Difficult, Important

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles published during National Conservation Week, May 1 to 7, covering various phases of conservation of Oregon's natural resources.)

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Statistics show that about one out of every four residents of Oregon fish or hunt. This fact, when viewed in the light of our rapidly growing population and the gradual diminishing of wildlife habitat, makes the problem of wildlife conservation an ever more difficult one.

In other words, the march of civilization is reducing nature's capacity to produce fish and game. We can see this all around us in the building of dams, draining of marshes, reduction of stream flows by irrigation and cutting of timber, intensive farming leaving little escape cover, pollution by sewage and other wastes in many of our waters, destruction of spawning beds by removal and disturbing of gravel in the stream beds and many other things which follow increases in population and development of our country.

**Greater Demands**  
At the same time, due to tremendous population increases, greater and greater demands are being made on fish and game. In 1953 the total hunting and fishing license sales in Oregon amounted to 721,874 licenses of all kinds, about evenly divided between hunting and fishing licenses.

The responsibility for resolving this almost impossible conflict is vested in the Game Commission. Unfortunately, many people expect miracles to be performed and think we can turn out fish and game as we do articles of trade. Man cannot completely take the place of nature in this field, although, by fixing seasons, setting bag limits, propagating fish and game for release, mitigating civilization's damage to habitat, acquiring and setting aside game areas and many other methods and procedures, the Commission endeavors to conserve our wildlife so that the present and future generations will have some hunting and fishing.

### Restrictions Necessary

If this is to be accomplished, the public must accept the various restrictions and regulations designed to conserve our wildlife resources and cooperate fully so that they may truly be conserved. Fish and game resources belong to the state, but all sportsmen should feel that they have an individual interest, and anyone who violates the law or who takes more fish and game than they are entitled to, are actually taking something away from the rest of the sporting public.

We cannot "have our cake and eat it too." The day of the meat hunter in Oregon is past. Fishing and hunting in our state for fun and recreation should be the accepted end, if wildlife is to survive in substantial quantities.

**View as Recreation**  
It behooves us all to think of hunting and fishing in the same light that the golfer looks at golf, the hiker thinks of hiking or the horseman views horseback riding, as sport and recreation without great material returns. In this troubled world, it is becoming more and more necessary for people to get away and relax. There is no better way than to go out on a stream or a lake, or to hike after the deer, the pheasants or ducks.

The Game Commission is doing everything in its power and in the limits of its means to manage wisely our fish and game resources. To be successful the cooperation of the great majority of sportsmen is necessary. With a well planned and forward looking program, we have every reason to believe that there will be fishing and hunting for all future generations. This program is based on the principle of doing what is best for the greatest number, rather than what is best for any particular individual or for any particular locality.

### POLICE IN DARK

Brooklands, Manitoba—(U.P.)—Police today were puzzled by a criminal who broke a traffic regulation and mailed \$12 to pay his fine and avoid a summons. Since no record of the infraction is in police records they will have to write the "criminal" and ask what law he broke.

## Report Spurs Hunt For Girl Missing In California

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Police today followed a trail of clues, which included three fingers seen protruding from the trunk of a car, in an intensified search for a pretty, teen-aged girl missing for a week.

Stephanie Bryan, 14, disappeared from her Berkeley home last Friday. Eight witnesses said they saw a girl of her description struggling with a man driving a late model, light-colored car.

**Seen 'Human Fingers'**  
Robert Small, 25, operator of a service station in Keyes, southeast of Berkeley, reported to police that a late model Pontiac sedan pulled into the station about 8 p.m. Wednesday. The driver, a dark-haired man with heavy shoulders asked Small to fill up the tank.

Small went to the rear of the car and froze when he saw "three human fingers" protruding from the trunk. "You've got something in the back. Someone's hand is caught in the trunk."

Small said the driver immediately raced away. Small said he noticed only that the car had no rear license plate.

He reported the incident to the sheriff's office in Modesto. The report touched off a wide-spread search of the San Joaquin Valley but no trace of the auto was found.

**Description Tallies**  
Small's description of the car tallied with that given by witnesses who saw a girl struggling with a man outside of Berkeley a short time after Stephanie disappeared.

Another lead came Thursday from Alvin McCoy, a motel owner on Highway 99. He said a man drove into his place Tuesday night and said he wanted accommodations for his "wife and year-old daughter."

## Three of Five Houses Smashed By Detonation

Survival City, Nev.—(U.P.)—Harold Goodwin, atomic test chief of the Civil Defense Administration, said today that falling debris and radiation would have killed all residents of Survival Town within one mile of yesterday's powerful atomic explosion.

Goodwin made the statement during a survival town tour by newsmen and Civil Defense officials today, after conferring with official damage survey teams which have been appraising since yesterday the havoc wrought by the detonation of a nuclear device half again as powerful as the A-bombs that shattered Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

He said all residents of Main Street would have received a lethal dose of radiation. Even without that lingering death, everyone within one mile of the 500-foot tower where the detonation took place probably would have been killed by flying or falling debris, he said.

**Ruptured Ear Drums**  
Farther out from ground zero, the primary injuries would have been ruptured ear drums, he said, caused by the terrific force of the explosion which creates a virtual vacuum in the air.

Evidence was everywhere that survival was possible outside that one-mile ring for families living in the right kind of shelters to duck into at the first alert of an enemy attack.

Main Street looked like it had been struck by a super-tornado instead of an man-made atomic device.

Three of the five houses in the downtown area of the replica American town were smashed and debris was scattered everywhere.

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## Annual Horned Toad Race Set in California Saturday

Coalinga, Calif.—(U.P.)—Some 150 horned toads, creatures that usually occupy a sagebrush home and are shunned by man, compete here this week end in the 19th annual Horned Toad Derby.

Most of the entries have spent their lives basking in the sun on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley, but one has been flown to California from Australia for the derby.

**Big Names Entered**  
Besides the lone entry from the southern hemisphere, a number of big names in local horned toad circles, including Peachy, Irish Beauty, Radio-active, General Grant and Cantaloupe King, have been entered in the race Saturday.

One of the biggest problems facing the trainers is teaching the toads simple geometry. The track consists of a 16-foot canvas spread out in the main street of town. The participants are placed in the center under a basket and when the cover is lifted the race is on.

In the concrete slab structure, its white front blackened by the searing heat of the explosion, a woman dummy was still at the kitchen table. But she'd lost her wig.

What happened inside the homes one mile away in the moments of the blast was revealed by official photographs taken by sequence cameras which were located inside the dwellings.

One series of picture shows, in striking silhouette, a two-year-old child mannequin standing beneath the protection of an indoor lean-to shelter. The child was completely protected from chunks of debris larger than the child itself. The air was filled with these chunks and splinters, ripped asunder and tossed with atomic speed to become

falling missiles. Survivors would have to find the few cellars, or, if they were on the front line, a specially built shelter that was built for an air raid and remained

## In and Around Prospect

Prospect — The Well Baby Clinic for the Prospect area which was scheduled for the month of May has been postponed indefinitely because of conflict with the Salk polio vaccine inoculation program.

The Lettermens Club of Prospect high school is sponsoring a smoker May 12 at 7 p.m. There will be approximately 25 bouts, both boxing and wrestling. The sporting event is being directed by Larry Sanderson, one of Prospect high school's leading athletes. Participants will be drawn from all grades of Prospect Elementary school, as well as from the high school.

The three big events of the evening are expected to be the two tag team wrestling matches and the "free-for-all." Referees will be Bill Wilson, retired professional boxer and present commercial teacher at Prospect, boxing, and Wesley Stauffer, health and physical education instructor, wrestling. The sports-loving public is cordially invited to attend. Admission will be by donation to the Lettermens Club.

## Seven Interim Committees Created

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon legislature created seven interim committees to conduct studies before the next session of the legislature and submit proposed bills.

One would study the prevention of sex crimes and another would investigate the present corrupt practices act in state election laws. The latter was finally approved in the last day of the 1953 session with stiff Democratic opposition.

Other interim committees would be set up to study offshore salmon fisheries in cooperation with British Columbia and Alaska, problems of schools at the county level, public assistance, highways, and electric utility tax problems.

### SEEKS BOUNDARY MARKERS

Boston, Mass.—(U.P.)—Albert T. Lund, 45, is waiting for permission to see if Massachusetts is still where he left it five years ago. Lund, a surveyor in the Massachusetts Public Works Department, will set out to find 737 boundary markers, as soon as the legislature approves funds for the required "perambulation of the boundary" every five years.

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## TIME TO CHANGE

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Screen writer Frank Stanley Gilman Borden Chase Fowler today changed his name to Borden Chase. He received permission for the change Thursday after testifying "I was named after a flock of rich relatives but never inherited a thing."

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