

Traffic Deaths in July at Highest Level Since 1937

Chicago — (U.P.) — July traffic deaths reached their highest level since 1937, the National Safety Council said today.

The overall fatality rate per volume of travel is on the increase.

The council reported that there were 3340 traffic deaths in July, 11 per cent higher than the same month last year.

This brought the total for the year to 10,840, an increase of 2 per cent over the same period in 1954.

But despite the jump in deaths, the council said, the death rate on a volume basis has been the lowest on record.

The council said travel figures are available only for the first six months of the year, but they show a gain of 7 per cent in mileage, compared with an increase of 2 per cent in death.

The mileage death rate was 5.7 per 100,000,000 vehicle miles, lowest on record for a six-month period.

The council said the July spurt in deaths occurred mostly in rural areas, with cities reporting only a 2 per cent increase for the same months.

"The steady increase in traffic deaths this year is a timely warning for the Labor Day week end just ahead," Ned H. Dearborn, president of the council, said.

Walter Winchell Sues ABC for \$7,000,000

New York — (U.P.) — Officials of the American Broadcasting company went into hurried conference today to consider a \$7,000,000 suit brought against the network by columnist Walter Winchell for alleged breach of contract.

Winchell, a syndicated columnist, was signed to a so-called "lifetime contract" with ABC in October, 1951. The contract gave the network exclusive rights to Winchell's services as an ABC personality. ABC ended the contract last March 10. Winchell, however, continued to telecast and broadcast until June 20 because of sponsor commitments.

It was learned that Winchell, who received about \$10,000 per broadcast, was expected to sign with the Mutual Broadcasting company this week.

Shark Killed After Attacking Lifeguards

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — A five-foot shark was killed yesterday after attacking three county lifeguards and biting one of them.

Dale Stand, 29, Glendale, was treated for 11 lacerations which require eight stitches. His two companions, Dick Joy, 20, Pasadena, and John Calderwood, 20, Inglewood, managed to kill the shark with a metal rescue buoy after it attacked their surfboards off Zuma Beach.

The lifeguards were called to the area after the shark was spotted circling three women swimmers. They encountered the shark 50 feet off the shore crowded with bathers.

The shark was towed to shore after it had been killed by the lifeguards.

Gold Hill — Jim Bucklin, new operator of the Dardanelle in Gold Hill, was installed as a new member of the Gold Hill Lions club recently. The Lions voted to hold Ladies Day at its next meeting Sept. 8.

Frank Sinatra Silent On Contract Lawsuit

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Crooner Frank Sinatra refused comment today on a \$1,000,000 breach of contract suit which 20th Century Fox said it will file against him for quitting work on the film, "Carousel," on location in Boothbay, Me.

"See my lawyers," snapped Sinatra on his return here yesterday. Sinatra left the location because all scenes were being shot twice for separate type cameras.

Sinatra said he had no immediate plans for work and he expected to remain here "for several months."

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Norman Aaron Harp, Donald Milton Burrill, Ruby Naomi McPherson and Alfred Jensen, violations of basic rule, \$10 each.

Larry Joe Whipple, excessive noise, tires, \$10.

Jerry Raymond Peterson and Clyde Elmer Dickerson, failure to yield right-of-way, \$10.

Raymond R. Reier, blocking driveway, \$5.

Murray L. Orgain, failure to stop at stop light, \$5.

Harry Herman Salls, illegal turn, \$5.

Richard Logan Davis, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Sylvia Inez Bishop, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Dale H. Culey, violation of basic rule, \$10.

Walter Clayton Hurlbut, violation of basic rule, \$10.

James Arthur Pond, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Robert Gregg, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Lloyd Keith Thorp, overload, \$41; no red flag, \$15; overwidth, \$15; and no tail lights, \$10.

Kenneth Lee Webber, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, \$15.

Lysman Tom Kapsobolis, disorderly conduct, \$30.

Agustine Fred Lewis, drunk on public highway, \$30.

Charles Edward Hollowell, overwidth, \$10.

Harry Alvin Mitchell, no warning device, \$5.

Gary Marvin Stevens, violation of basic rule, \$15.

Norman Jefferson Geary, overheight, \$15.

William John Cook Jr., overheight, \$10.

Victor E. Taylor, overload, \$23.

William M. Hunting, overload, \$185.

Richard Lee Mayberry, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Lloyd Herbert Stripplin, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

James Corbett Smith, improper use of dealer's license, \$5.

Leslie James Hunsaker, overload, \$85.

Jim Bertie Phillips, angling without a license, \$30.

David Ardean Dahl, no operator's license, \$10.

Robert Louise Miller, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Ronald Charles Kinard, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Six Carson Goble, overwidth, \$10.

Jack Allen Gaza, four in front seat, \$10.

James Marie Northey, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Delmer Fredrick Steach, overwidth, \$10.

Cornelius Eugene McFarland, overload, \$39.

Raymond Rex Note, overload, \$59, and passing with insufficient clearance, \$12.50.

Wayne Kenneth Griffith, overload, \$85.

Don Alfred Morton, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Cecil Horace Hughes, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.

Charles Kinard, failure to yield right of way, \$10.

Hans Albert Edwardsen, failure to transfer title, \$5.

Donald Walter Harmer, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$15.

Richard L. Kimbrough, no operator's license, \$10.

Bruce L. Blew, overlength load, \$15.

Robert Lee Wobbe, George Erwin Snow, Clyde N. Caton and William Ralph Morgan, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10 each.

Henry Elmer Sismore, overload, \$315.

Danny Allen Kirkpatrick, violation of basic rule, \$30.

James Barton Crawford, violation of basic rule, \$7.

Nathan Robert Deaver, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT

Inez Wolgamott vs. Elvin C. Wolgamott, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Richard Eli Barry, 19, Box 416, Meriden, and Nancy Marie Byers, 18, of 3052 South Pacific highway, Grants Pass.

James Omar Farmer, 25, Roseburg, and Betty Jean Perdue, 19, Sutherlin.

Alvin Roy Longan, 22, Central Point, and Willedean Jordan, 16, Route 2, Central Point.

Benjamin J. Furch, 74, route 1, box 182, Talent, and Nettie Jane Green Wheeler, 55, of 1013 Central ave., Medford.

Bert Preston Luman, 37, of 14 South Bartlett st., Medford, and Leora Hope Hager, 28, of 19 North Columbus ave., Medford.

Big Balloon Seen East of Medford

A large balloon, presumably one of the high-altitude research type used by the armed forces, was spotted by many residents in the sky east of Medford yesterday afternoon.

A number of calls concerning it were made to the weather bureau. Bob Church, meteorologist in charge, said it was 10 miles or more away, at an angle of some 45 degrees, indicating its height was some 55,000 or 60,000 feet.

Church studied it through a 100-power telescope and reported that it apparently carried instruments with a parachute attached. It was not spherical, he said, apparently in an attempt to give it directional stability. There is no way of knowing its point of origin, Church said, but it "could have been anywhere."

It was first spotted at about 2:15 p.m., and drifted northward, going out of sight about two hours later.

Schmidt, Una Slate Video Appearance

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Airman Daniel Schmidt and his wife, Una, will appear on a nationwide television show Sept. 5 to tell their version of what happened after he returned from a Red China prison camp and discovered she had remarried.

CBS television said the couple and their two-year-old son Danny Jr. will appear on "Art Linkletter's House Party" because "the Schmidts feel it is time the nation heard their own version of what has happened since Schmidt returned from 2½ years of captivity."

They were reconciled Thursday in Portland after Schmidt had filed suit for divorce. They will fly here for the program. Mrs. Schmidt had married a Northern California lumber worker while the airman was in a prison camp. She said she thought Schmidt was dead.

Dangerous Criminals Escape in Missouri

Carthage, Mo. — (U.P.) — A five state alarm went out today for three dangerous criminals who escaped from the antiquated Carthage jail last night.

Sheriff George Hickam identified the trio as Walter E. Rice, 31, of Carthage; Roy L. Reynolds, 34, alias James V. Ross Jr., of Malvern, Ark.; and Joe S. Haycraft, 19, of Louisville, Ky. Hickam said Rice recently was returned from the Missouri hospital for the criminally insane at Fulton.

The three prisoners, locked together in one of four tanks in the jail, first attacked a trustee who brought them cigarettes. Jailor Henry Blanton went to investigate the noise and was struck over the shoulder with an iron bar.

Man Accused of Killing Wife Ordered Committed

Portland — (U.P.) — Henry E. Beck, 47, accused of murdering his former wife, has been ordered committed to the state hospital at Salem.

The order was signed by Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan yesterday after a sanity hearing.

Beck was under indictment for killing his ex-wife, Ethel K. Beck, 42, with a 22-caliber pistol June 3 as she and their 15-year-old son were walking near her home.

Beck then shot himself in the head but recovered.

Nude Dancer Objects To Use of Spotlight

London — (U.P.) — Fan dancer Frances Grayson walked off her job Tuesday night because the management asked her to do her strip tease under a spotlight.

"It's bad enough to have to dance without without clothes on, without spotlights as well," she said.

The management hired another girl with less inhibitions.

Boy Injured in Bike-Car Mishap

Keith Stanley Scheel, 12, of 709 Beekman st., was treated at Community hospital yesterday afternoon for injuries received in a collision between an automobile and a bicycle, according to city police.

The boy was taken by Medford Ambulance service to the hospital where he was released after receiving treatment for a torn knee cartilage and multiple abrasions.

Police said the Scheel boy, and Richard Lee Hanson, 14, of 1103 Pinecroft st., were riding on bicycles through the intersection of Fourth and Ivy sts. when the Scheel boy was struck by a car operated by Samuel J. Redding, route 1, box 16B, Central Point.

The two boys were cited for failure to stop at a red light and for riding bicycles on the sidewalk, according to investigating officers.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 3:30 previous day.

Eula Wintermote Starts on Leave

Miss Eula Wintermote, home demonstration agent for Jackson county, is leaving today on a one-year sabbatical leave. She will enroll at Colorado A&M this fall for a year of advanced training.

Mrs. Jo Anne Weatherford will serve as demonstration agent pro-tem. Mrs. Weatherford came here with her husband from Nampa, Ida., where she taught in the high school.

In the 4-H department, Miss Jean Brooks is spending her last day as county 4-H agent. She will teach home economics at Medford high when the school opens, Sept. 28.

Miss Brooks will replace Mrs. Ed McKinstry who resigned this summer.

Railroad Property Damaged by Blaze

Forty crosstied railroad ties were considerably damaged and 110 ties were slightly charred yesterday in a fire on Southern Pacific property at Spruce st. about 2:30 p.m.

Firemen said that sparks from a trash fire ignited dry grass and that the blaze extended into the pile of ties. Two trucks were sent to the fire.

A small fire in the oven at the Wayne Gottfried home, 1939 Roberts rd., at about 2 p.m. yesterday, was extinguished before the rural pumper arrived.

Firemen flushed down two gasoline spills from parked cars in the downtown area yesterday.

Youth Picked Up For Questioning

A 14-year-old boy was picked up for questioning yesterday, following a confession made recently by another youth implicating him in the larceny from several Medford stores, according to city police records.

The boy was released to the custody of his parents pending action by Jackson county juvenile officers, police said.

Ashland Schools Award Contract

Ashland — Two new classrooms at the Lincoln school here will be constructed by the W.W. Wiley company, Ashland, at a cost of \$23,982. The firm's low bid was accepted at a school board meeting this week.

Construction is expected to start shortly, with completion due in about five months. The bid originally was for \$28,890 but was scaled down to the lower figure to meet the maximum of \$25,000 which the school board had allotted for the job.

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NATIONAL SWIMMING KERRVILLE, TEX. — (U.P.) — Learning to swim at the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children just has to come naturally for one boy. His name: Sailor Shipp.

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