

Damage Reported in SF Bay Area Quake



Oregon Accidents Cost Lives of Six During Week End

Auto Wrecks, Hunting Mishaps Make Up List

By UNITED PRESS

Two teen-age boys died when their auto plunged 200-feet over an embankment near Otter Crest on the Oregon coast yesterday, bringing to six the number of week end auto victims in the state.

In other mishaps, a 10-year-old boy died in a shotgun accident and a farmer was killed when his tractor overturned on him. Several persons were wounded while pheasant hunting.

Truck Mishap Fatal

John Wesley LeRoy, 34, of Salem, was killed instantly Saturday afternoon when his truck went off a soft shoulder and into a ditch two miles east of Alsea.

James Irish, 14, and Warren H. Hughitt, 16, Toledo, Ore., were killed when the car in which they were riding side-swiped another and plunged over the bank, state police reported. The driver, Wayne F. Howell, 17, also Toledo, and the driver of the other car, Alvah Herrig, 61, Depot Bay were hospitalized.

In another coastal accident, Mrs. Walter G. Knott, 65, Puyallup, Wash., was injured fatally near Florence Saturday and her husband injured seriously when their car was struck by a car carrying four teen-agers. State police identified the driver of the youths' car as William G. Hart, 17, Toledo.

Klamath Man Killed

Charles E. Caldwell, 34, Klamath Falls, died Saturday night from injuries suffered when two pickup trucks collided earlier in the day.

Forrest Collins, 34, died in a Portland hospital Sunday from injuries suffered Friday when struck by a car near Oak Grove.

John Charles Bighaus, 69, West Linn, was killed Sunday when his tractor overturned on him while he was working in a field near Willamette.

Thomas Edgar Walker, 10, of Crabtree, was wounded fatally Saturday in the accidental discharge of a shotgun about 12 miles northeast of Lebanon.

Struck by Pellets

Jimmy Points, 20, Nyssa, was seriously injured Sunday when his shotgun accidentally discharged. Clifford M. Shrock, 30, Woodburn area farmer, also was seriously wounded when struck by flying shotgun pellets Saturday while hunting pheasants.

Two Corvallis men were wounded in bird hunting incidents.

Alex Schaffner, 24, was shot through the right hand when his shotgun fell to the ground and discharged as he walked along the bank of the Willamette river south of Corvallis.

Charles Nendel, was shot through the ear by an unidentified bird hunter.

Flight Engineers Picket UAL Offices

Chicago — (U.P.) — About 500 flight engineers picketed United Air Lines offices in 27 U. S. cities today, including New York and Chicago.

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L. A. McCormick
Heart Attack Victim

L. A. McCormick, Manager of Big Y, Dies in Hollywood

L. A. McCormick, 52, vice-president and general manager of the Big-Y markets in Medford and Eugene, died in Los Angeles last night, according to word received here by friends.

It was reported he suffered a heart attack at about 3 a.m. Sunday in 1943, while on his way back from a week in Arizona. He was taken to Cedars of Lebanon hospital in Hollywood, where he died at 8:20 p.m.

Mrs. McCormick was with him at the time. She is now with a daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. Dean) Pratt, in Burbank.

Business Activity

Mr. McCormick moved to Medford in 1943, and was active in the grocery and market business. He moved his headquarters to Eugene about three years ago and had lived there since, although he was a frequent visitor to Medford. He had suffered a heart attack earlier this year.

In addition to his connection with the Big-Y markets, he also was interested in the Oakdale and East Side markets in Medford.

In addition to Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Pratt, he leaves another daughter, Margaret Ruth (Mrs. Ray) Bostwick, Medford; three sons, David, in the Navy in San Diego, and John Edward and Matthew, Eugene.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting further word from Mrs. McCormick.

Two Face Lie Tests In Chicago Slayings

Chicago — (U.P.) — Lie tests were scheduled for two men today, but most clues fizzled out in the hunt for the sadistic stranglers of three young boys.

The latest persons to match their testimony against police lie detectors were a man picked up in Tennessee with scratches on his arms and shoulders and a sailor wanted in connection with reports of forest preserve sex orgies.

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US Population Jumps 7 Per Cent In Four Years; Now 162,409,000

Washington — (U.P.) — The rapidly growing population of the United States spurted another 7 per cent between 1950 and 1954 to an unprecedented 162,409,000.

The Census Bureau reported yesterday that all but seven states shared in the increase. These states were Maine, Vermont, West Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Gains by other states ranged from 1.1 per cent for Kentucky to 31 per cent for Nevada.

The Census Bureau said the nation's population rose from 150,697,361 on April 1, 1950, to about 162,409,000 on July 1, 1954.

Population Shifts To West

As in earlier years, the Census Bureau estimates showed a mounting population shift toward the Far West.

Alaska led all states and territories in the rate of increase. After adjustments for the heavy influx of seasonal labor, it showed an amazing 62 per cent rise for the four years. As of July, 1954, the population of Alaska stood at an estimated 208,000.

On the average, the U.S. population increased 1.6 per cent a year during the four-year period.

The seven states showing decreases for the 1950-1954 period lost citizens mostly because of migrations to other areas of the country. The Pacific coast, particularly California, appeared to be the chief destination of the migrants.

During the four-year period, California's population rose 2.1 per cent to 12,500,000, an addition of 1,914,000 persons. Nevada, center of the divorce and gambling business, enjoyed an increase from 160,083 in 1950 to 210,000 last year.

Arizona Has Big Increase

Arizona followed Nevada percentage-wise. Its population jumped 23.8 per cent from 749,587 to 928,000.

Other sizable increases were 10.3 per cent for Michigan; 16.7 for Delaware; 11 for Maryland; 19.1 for Florida; 10 for Texas; and 10.6 for Utah.

Among the territories, Hawaii gained 4.4 per cent, the Canal Zone 1.8, and Puerto Rico 0.8 per cent. But the Virgin Islands saw its population drop 10 per cent from 26,665 to 24,000.

BIG 3 IN AGREEMENT ON MEETING STRATEGY



PICKED UP by Brockton, Mass., police on complaint from unidentified woman that he was leaning against a pole and leaning at her, Musty, a boxer, suffers through his hangover and promises to stick to chasing cats and keep out of local bar where patrons have been feeding him beer. (International)

Western Ministers In Show of Unity For Coming Talks

Pinay Announces 'Complete Agreement'

Paris — (U.P.) — The Big Three foreign ministers, under the shadow of crisis in the Saar and the Middle East, reached "complete agreement" today on much of their strategy for the forthcoming Geneva talks with Russia.

French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay announced the "complete agreement" on proposals for German unity and European security when he emerged from a meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan.

This pronouncement of renewed Western unity came in the light of these related diplomatic developments:

1. In a referendum yesterday, the Saarlanders rejected a proposed statute to "Europeanize" their tiny state which lies between France and Germany.

2. The result, a major defeat for French foreign policy, threatened to revive Franco-German animosity and renew old hatreds.

3. The government of Saar Premier Johannes Hoffman resigned in the face of the defeat of the referendum which it had supported.

4. West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French Premier Edgar Faure vowed in an exchange of telegrams to save the friendship between their two countries despite any temporary setback.

5. Israeli Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett arrived in Paris to confer with the foreign ministers and with his key ambassadors from Washington, Moscow, London, Paris and Rome about mounting Middle East tension. A spokesman said he has been promised a session with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in Geneva Thursday.

He will confer with Dulles Wednesday, and hopes to talk with MacMillan and Pinay later.

6. Italian officials and the pro-government press hailed a week end visit to Rome by Dulles as insuring a more important position for Italy in the Western alliance.

Dulles was reported to have promised to consult Italy on major issues, continue the fight for Italian admission to the United Nations, but to have declined to raise Italy and Germany to the same status as Britain and France in Western councils.

Soviet Newsmen Decide To Bypass Chicago

Washington — (U.P.) — The State Department said today that seven visiting Russian newsmen decided to bypass Chicago after failing to get a "flat guarantee" against anti-Soviet demonstrations.

Department Press Officer Lincoln White said the decision was made by the Russian newsmen who, he said, are "free agents."

Cities, Towns in 100-Mile Radius Feel Two Jolts

Windows Shattered In Stores, Homes

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Police in scores of cities and towns in a 100-mile radius of the San Francisco Bay area reported mounting damage today from an earthquake that was blamed for at least one death.

The quake, which took place last night, shattered windows in stores and homes, toppled merchandise from shelves, cracked walls and hurled dishes to the floor over a widespread area.

Several Persons Injured

Perhaps a dozen persons were treated for injuries, mostly cuts. Police were thankful that the quake occurred on a quiet Sunday evening when downtown areas were relatively deserted.

The quake came in two waves, beginning at 8:11 p.m. First, there was a sort of rolling motion that prompted people to smile and say, "Oh, it must be an earthquake." But it was the lull before the storm. Then followed a frightening series of jolts that caused buildings to groan and creak.

The worst of the two-wave quake lasted about two minutes, but it registered on seismographs for an additional 15 minutes or so.

Scale of 4.5

Seismologist Perry Byerly of the University of California said it measured 4.5 on the Richter Scale of 10, but seismographs in Southern California recorded it at 5.5.

The disastrous quake that destroyed San Francisco in 1906 measured 8.25 and the tremor that leveled Tehachapi in Southern California three years ago measured 7.5.

Byerly said Saturday night's quake was "not very big, but in the wrong place." He said it was apparently caused by a slip in the Hayward Fault along the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay.

'Big One' Predicted

Only last week, Byerly predicted that California was about due for a "big one" although he said the San Andreas Fault would be to blame if it takes place.

The quakes apparently caused two gas main explosions in Oakland. One of them set off a fire in a house that took the life of Mrs. Ora Bell, 85, Mrs. Ruthene Aldinger, 49, jumped from a second floor window and two others escaped.

The fire, which caused \$25,000 damage, was not reported for several minutes after the quake, apparently because telephone lines were jammed with calls.

The other explosion blew a room from a house. Fire broke out but was confined to a kitchen. A neighbor, Manuel Ortega, was injured by flying glass.

Most of the damage appeared to be centered along the eastern shore of the bay, with Walnut Creek, about 30 miles east of San Francisco, suffering the most. Hundreds of householders reported windows broken and dishes shaken to the floor.

At least every other store in Walnut Creek had its windows broken. The worst damage was caused to huge plate glass windows in banks and stores.

NLRB Hearings In Labor Case Start

An examiner for the National Labor Relations board opened hearings here this morning on unfair labor practices filed by Local International Woodworkers of America, CIO, against the Red Blanket Lumber company of Eagle Point and Prospect.

The charges arose out of a strike at the company during June, 1954, and involve complaints that the company refused to reinstate employees to their former or equivalent jobs when the strike ended in October, 1954. It also is charged that the employer, in refusing to give certain data concerning payrolls and production to the Union, violated the National Labor Relations Act.

The NLRB complaint includes charges made against four other lumber firms, all in the central Oregon area, and the Pine Industrial Relations Committee, Inc., Klamath Falls, which represents lumber firms in labor negotiations.

The hearings continued this afternoon and may continue tomorrow.

Weather

FORECAST — Variable high cloudiness through Tuesday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 40. High Tuesday 70.

Highest yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this morning	72

Two Senators Return On Regular Flights; Irked Over Incident

Washington — (U.P.) — Two senators returned from Europe today aboard a regularly scheduled military air transport, and said tartly the Defense Department will have to explain statements that a special plush plane had been sent at their request to pick them up.

The senators, Democrats John L. McClellan of Arkansas and John Stennis of Mississippi, insisted they never had requested a special plane to be sent to Europe for them at a cost of \$10,000.

"I shall certainly expect them (the Department of Defense) to make an explanation," McClellan said.

"If there was any intent to

embarrass me," he added, "I positively refuse to be embarrassed."

Stennis said "a serious mistake has been made" and "I am going to call on the Department of Defense for a statement of facts."

Special Plane Returns

The senators, who are members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, landed aboard a four-engine military air transport from Germany. The trip, a regularly scheduled MATS plane, is called "the blue plate special" within the air force. The plane carried a load of 44 passengers including the senators and military personnel.

The two senators were smiling as they alighted from the plane. But they became voluble and emphatic in denying they had requested a special plane. They seemed somewhat taken back by the publicity their trip had stirred up.

The Defense Department sought over the week end to explain the situation. It admitted a mix-up over arrangements, and not a senatorial request, had created the rumpus.

The department admitted it knew before the senators left on their trips that they had to be back on specified dates. The department thought it would have planes unavailable in Europe on regularly scheduled runs to return them.

State GOP Forms Money-Raising Group

Portland — (U.P.) — A Republican group called the Oregon Committee for Good Government has been formed to raise a "substantial amount of money," to help the GOP in the 1956 election campaign.

John C. Higgins, a member of the group, said "we have banded together in a volunteer group without any formal elections of any kind to stimulate interest in the party and to aid the party organization in their work."

Higgins said that in 1954 the Republicans did not get started on their campaign until almost a year after the opposition had been at work. He said it was to remedy this situation that the group is working.

Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, said in a statement that formation of the group meant "the capture of the Republican party of Oregon by John C. Higgins of Vancouver, Wash., representing the New York office of Thomas E. Dewey."

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Board of Control tomorrow will receive engineering reports on three sites proposed for the Portland area hospital.

Congressman Arrives Here

Congressman Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.), arrived in Medford this morning for appearances at three meetings and several days visiting around southern Oregon.

Congressman Ellsworth will speak at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Ashland tomorrow noon at the Wednesday Medford Kiwanis club meeting and at American Legion initiation ceremonies and stag party at Central Point Saturday.

Among places visited by Ellsworth will be the Talent project site, he said.

He also will be in Grants Pass a few days as well as other southern Oregon cities. He will make his headquarters at Medford hotel.

State Claims Three Smith Murder Tries

McMinnville — (U.P.) — Prosecutor Willis West today charged that Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Portland and her alleged "love slave" tried three times to kill her husband, and had mapped out several different murder schemes.

West, in presenting the state's opening arguments in the trial of the 35-year-old widow, told of the three murder attempts, one of which was successful.

He said the April 21 dynamite blast which killed Oliver Kermit Smith "opened the book to an amazing set of facts which the state has come here to set before you."

The Multnomah county prosecutor said the state would try to prove that Mrs. Smith remarried the husband she had divorced solely so she could plan the murder. The motive, West said, was the Portland attorney's estate, valued at \$50,000 to \$60,000.



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New Values Arrive Here

A list of corrections of the assessed value of orchard properties was received today from the State Tax Commission by County Assessor Robert Fowler.

All of the 190 corrections made as a result of recent tax commission hearings here, have not been received, Fowler said, but they are expected to arrive today.

Fowler stated that when all corrections have been made in the tax rolls, the roll will be ready to turn over to the sheriff's office for collection of taxes.

Fowler did not know how long it would take to process the assessment roll corrections.

The tax roll should legally have been turned over to the sheriff Oct. 15, but the assessor's office was unable to do so because it had not received corrections for assessment rolls.