

Three Accidents in Northeastern Oregon Take Lives of Five

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Three separate accidents in northeastern Oregon late yesterday took the lives of five persons. In each of two of the accidents, both near The Dalles, two persons lost their lives while in another accident near Pendleton a single victim was claimed.

270 Belgian Miners Said Trapped in Fire

Marcinelli, Belgium — (U.P.) — More than 270 miners were reported trapped by a fire in the Amercoeur coal mine here today. The fire melted cables and blocked a pit elevator.

Twenty five miners were rescued immediately through a new tunnel still under construction. Rescue teams rushed into the pit to release the others.

Marcinelle is a coal mining town of about 25,000 population in Hainaut Province near the Sambre river.

Detective Sergeant James Eckton and Patrolman Odell Nolan, each about 30.

A witness to the tragedy, George Williams of The Dalles, told officers he saw the two men and a woman put out into the stream, about 15 miles east of The Dalles.

He said he shouted a warning to them that the water in the area was treacherous and they returned to shore and disembarked the woman.

The two men then put out into the stream again and were caught by the swirling current and dashed over a rapid.

Two painters employed at The Dalles dam were killed when their car collided with a loaded cattle truck about one mile east of The Dalles. Dead were Robert Wellborn and Jack Stricklen, both of The Dalles. Wellborn and Stricklen were pinned under the trailer of the truck which overturned, spilling 45 head of cattle onto the highway.

Two other men in the car, Charles Sanders and Henry Triplett, were injured in the accident which occurred at the intersection of Highway 30 and The Dalles bridge.

Mrs. Cora Ruth Cowan, 37, wife of Helix City Marshal Orville Cowan, was killed about one and one-half miles west of Athena. Police reported that she was alone in her car when it side-swiped a county truck driven by Raymond Fay Johns, 25, of Pendleton. She was the mother of four school-age girls. The accident occurred on the Athena-Holdman secondary, 14 miles south of Pendleton.

Headless Carp Caught in Tennessee River

Savannah, Tenn. — (U.P.) — A headless, two-pound carp caught in the Tennessee river last Saturday is being kept alive and on display at a Savannah store.

Fishermen said the wound where the head was severed, presumably by a motorboat propeller, has healed. The fish apparently sucks food into its body through the end of the gullet left exposed when the wound healed.



GONE WITH THE WIND—The home of John Reapsommer is a mass of rubble after it was leveled by a tornado which struck Girard, O. Living in the basement for six years while the house was being completed, Reapsommer, his wife and three children were not injured. They were to move upstairs in a week.

Sourdoughs Schedule Portland Sessions

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland will be the scene of the 25th anniversary reunion of Alaska sourdoughs from all over the world next week.

Hosting the 1956 anniversary celebration Aug. 16-19 will be the Alaska-Yukon Society of Oregon. Mrs. Sarah Berthelsen of Portland is first vice president of the international organization.

International president of the sourdoughs is John J. McNeill of San Francisco. McNeill is a mariner. His ship is due in New York from Europe next week and he is expected to fly to Portland from New York for the convention.

The associate editor of the Alaska Weekly, Miss Lulu Fairbanks, who is also international secretary, has announced that 1750 invitations for the Portland reunion have been mailed to Sourdoughs throughout the world.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 9:30 previous day

Dial-a-Prayer Service Welcomed

Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — Portlanders are calling SPruce 4-3981 at the rate of 1,000 per day to hear a prayer read over the telephone by a Baptist minister.

The Dial-A-Prayer service began this spring has outstripped all expectations.

Rev. William J. McIlhenny began the service rather speculatively, but within a month's time his study phone began to ring at the rate of 756 to 1,000 times every 24 hours.

Rev. McIlhenny has a new message ready each day, but the phone rings so constantly he has a hard time changing the records. The minister would prefer to read the messages personally but that is impossible. A telephone answering machine performs the task for him.

The demand for the service is so great that about nine times out of 10 the minister's line is busy. But that doesn't daunt the callers, who keep trying.

A sample prayer text goes as follows:

"This is Reverend McIlhenny, reminding you that whatever your need may be, prayer will help you. The Psalm has said, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Won't you believe that, my friend? I want to pray for you now."

Bride Welcomes Mate Home After Funeral

Durban, South Africa — (U.P.) — A young bride who attended her husband's funeral three days ago hysterically welcomed him home Tuesday.

Theresa Waters' 25-year-old husband disappeared from a cliff where he was fishing a week ago and was given up for dead. Funeral services were held Sunday. Waters walked into the dining room of his family's cottage as they were having breakfast Tuesday.

"I only know that I woke up 50 miles from the coast last night," he explained.

Coon Sees Bright Economic Future

Baker, Ore. — (U.P.) — Congressman Sam Coon pictured a bright economic future for his second district here yesterday in his first public appearance since returning from Washington.

He attributed this to generous public works appropriations, increased timber sales and the new highway bill.

Coon told members of the local chamber of commerce and service clubs at a joint luncheon that almost one of every 16 dollars appropriated this year for public works in the entire country was for projects in his district, or partly in adjoining ones.

He also cited large Forest Service expenditures to build access roads and increase timber sales.

Contracts Ready for Andrea Doria II

Rome — (U.P.) — The Italian Lines today signs a contract for a new, bigger and faster Andrea Doria to replace the luxury liner which sank in a collision off Nantucket Island 13 days ago.

Italian Lines President Carlo Linch planned to sign the contract with the Ansaldo Shipyards of Genoa in a colorful ceremony at the headquarters of the Industrial Reconstruction Institute in Rome.

The order for the new \$29,000,000 Andrea Doria II was approved by the Italian government at record speed, less than two weeks after the original liner, the pride of Italy's merchant marine, sank in a mystery collision with the Stockholm of the Swedish-American Line.

Shipping authorities here predicted that the new vessel will be ready for operation on the dollar-paying North Atlantic route sometime next year.

Mustache-Raising Battles Boredom on Front in Korea

Near the Western Front, Korea — (U.P.) — There is something about Korea that makes you want to grow a mustache.

It isn't the frosty weather, because veteran mustache-growers claim one of the biggest drawbacks to their art is icing.

It isn't the result of any scarcity of shaving equipment, because front-line post exchanges are well-stocked with razors and shaving cream.

A cartoon in the United States armed forces daily newspaper, Pacific Stars and Stripes, tapped one of the real reasons.

A clean-shaven arrival from the States bursts into a tent barracks near the front line and asks a roomful of thickly-mustachioed GI's: "What do you guys do for recreation?"

That's it. Recreation. Time hangs heavily in Korea, and mustache raising is becoming one of the most practical ways to battle boredom.

The soldier standing watch in an outpost bunker overlooking the truce zone and Communist territory has one. So does the

military policeman patrolling the off-limits villages in the rear.

But it's doubtful the hobby has caught on more completely anywhere than in the 6th Tank Battalion of the U.S. 24th Infantry division.

There Are Obstacles

There all the officers and men are hard at the task of cultivating a General Custer style mustache in the old handlebar fashion of cavalry days. The tankmen like to think of themselves as armored cavalry and mustaches have long been a tradition with the cavalry.

When Maj. Edwin Rhoads of Lakewood, Colo., took command of the battalion last December, junior officers, enviously eyeing his lush mustache, organized a club to see how many could duplicate his lip-warmer.

But the mustache-raisers quickly came smack up against obstacles. Here are some:

1. It takes about six months to reap the first harvest of bushy bliss.
2. Vital mustache wax is not available in Korea nor are special mustache cups for drinking hot beverages.
3. Mascara for dying blonde mustaches is hard to come by.
4. Breath vapor causes icing over in cold weather, and no known mustache wax contains an anti-freeze compound.

Three-Year Contract Seen for Aluminum

New York — (U.P.) — Representatives of the Aluminum Company of America and the striking United Steelworkers were reported today to be making progress in their negotiations for a three-year contract similar to the one obtained by the union from the steel industry.

Nicholas Zonarich, chief USW negotiator, said "definite progress" was made at a morning meeting. He said bargaining would continue throughout the day in hope of completing a pact to end the strike which is in its eighth day at 12 Alcoa plants.

The USW also is on strike at nine Reynolds Metals Co. plants, but negotiations with Reynolds will not be resumed until an agreement is reached with Alcoa, the nation's largest aluminum producer. The strike of 25,500 workers has closed smelting facilities accounting for 45.7 per cent of America's aluminum capacity.

Folding Cottage For Vacationers

Chicago — (U.P.) — A folded piece of paper recently gave David Kropp, an Illinois Institute of Technology student, the idea for a folding cottage for vacationers.

The walls and roof of this new type of shelter are made from an arrangement of 14 triangular panels which fold into place. The experimental shelter rests on the points of 12 triangles.

Students say it can be used for anything from the basis of a summer cottage to a roadside stand. Its advantages, Kropp said, are low cost, extreme strength (because of the triangular wall roof construction), and easy portability.

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