

GRANTS PASS CRASH KILLS FIVE



TRUCK BURNS—The body of an Oregon-Nevada-California freight truck, which was carrying general merchandise, is shown after fire damaged cargo and the truck cab on Highway 99 on Siskiyou summit yesterday morning. Company officials said the truck and cargo sustained substantial damage from the fire which apparently started when sparks from the exhaust ignited the canvas covering on the truck body. Some of the cargo was removed from the truck. State forestry department pumpers from Ashland and Medford were dispatched to the scene, but the fire was confined to the truck. Driver of the truck was Howard (Pop) Burleigh, Redding, Calif.

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San Francisco Bay Area Tourists Are Listed as Victims

Teenagers, Others Headed for Alaska

Grants Pass — Five San Francisco bay area tourists were killed and three others injured in an accident about two miles south of here on Highway 99 about 6 a.m. today.

The dead were identified as Leslie N. Simonsen, age unknown, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; Robert Francis Jacquemin, 21, of San Pablo; Robert Hoselton, age unknown, Concord, Calif.; David Chamberlain Binkley, 15, of Berkeley; and John DuBois, age unknown, of Concord.

State police said Hoselton and DuBois were between 14 and 16 years old.

Injured were Harold Trepagnier, 15, Gerald Clough, 16, and James Webster, 14, all of Concord. Police said they suffered head and leg injuries, but their conditions were not believed serious. They were taken to Josephine General Hospital.

Edward Lucky Jones, of Portland, driver of the Pierce Freight Lines truck and trailer involved, suffered a bruised shoulder, police said.

Reports from Concord, Calif., city police indicated that Simonsen was a professional guide accompanying the group to Alaska, police said.

Truck Going South
Police said the semi-trailer truck was traveling south on Highway 99, and the California car traveling north. Police said the car hit the right front fender of the truck, which was pulling over to the right to avoid the accident.

The driver of a pickup truck which was traveling south a few hundred yards in front of the Pierce truck, told state police the car veaved along the highway prior to the accident. The car almost hit the pickup truck, the driver told police, before getting back in its own lane.

The accident was the second in which five have been killed on southern Oregon highways within a week. Last Friday five were killed in a head-on collision on Highway 66 about two miles from the Klamath county line in Jackson county on the Green Springs.

Lane, Douglas Demos Hear Wayne Morse

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Sen. Wayne Morse toured Lane and Douglas counties yesterday, winding up with an address to a Democratic picnic at Umpqua park here.

He told his evening audience that "those with responsibility over our natural resources should understand that they are merely trustees of the heritage that belongs to future generations."

Earlier at a breakfast in Springfield, Morse criticized the Eugene Water & Electric board for being a "stalking horse for private utilities" in its opposition to the federal Cougar dam.

Later, the senator visited the site of Hills Creek dam and told a group there that "again it was only over the opposition of the administration that we were able to win construction funds for this project."

BASEBALL

NATIONAL	Brooklyn	Pittsburgh	Erskine, Roebuck (5)	Walker, Hall, Waters (3)	Naranjo (5), Face (6), King (6)	Pollit (8) and Shepard, Home run; Thomas, Pittsburgh.	Philadelphia	New York	Rogovin, Negray (5), Miller (7) and Semnick; Margoneri, Grissom (7) and Sarzi, Home runs; Mays, New York; White, New York; Brandt, New York (2); Semnick, Philadelphia.
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Boston	3 8 0	3 8 0	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1
Washington	15 20 0	7 12 1	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1	5 11 1	2 9 1

AMERICAN
Baltimore 1 8 2
Boston 3 8 0
Washington 15 20 0
New York 7 12 1
Kucks, Morgan (6) and Berz; Steward, Weisler (2), Grobe (3), Chakales (5), Griggs (7), Stone (8) and Courtney, Home runs; Martin, New York; Carey, New York; Mantle, New York.

FIRE HALTS MINE RESCUE; 243 MISSING IN BELGIUM

Marcelline, Belgium — (U.P.) — Rescue workers abandoned hope today for nearly 250 miners trapped in the blazing Bitter Heart mine.

Blistering heat drove the rescuers back after the fire, which started Wednesday and seemed to be on the wane, blazed anew. Nine were known dead and only six were rescued alive in the 32 hours after flames cut off an estimated 258 Belgian and Italian miners in the half-mile deep pit. That left 243 men missing.

Belgian Mines Administrator Andre Van Heuvel refused to

give up hope. He ordered the battle against fire, smoke and deadly carbon monoxide to continue.

The grim assessment came from one member of a team which succeeded in reaching the 3,000-foot level today, only to be forced back to the surface by a new burst of flame.

The team rode the emergency elevator down as far as they could—2,800 feet—then they

dangled another 200 feet down in a basket slung by cable underneath the jammed elevator.

It was a heroic feat, but a vain one.

Authorities called it the biggest mining disaster in Belgian history.

Many wives and sweethearts stood numbly through the night outside the pithead, too exhausted to cry any more.

243 Pints Taken For Bloodmobile

A total of 243 pints of blood were donated yesterday afternoon during the Bloodmobile visit in Medford. The quota was 250 pints. According to Red Cross officials, the turnout was among the best in recent years.

A total of 306 donors reported to the Bloodmobile, exceeding the quota of 300 donors set by the Red Cross. Of the total 63 were rejects.

Donors designated 83 pints of blood as replacements, blood to be used to replace that used in the past by some particular patient.

Fifteen appointments were made while the Bloodmobile was at the Elks temple, and there were 87 "drop-ins."

O. L. Slick, of the Portland Red Cross office, who was in Medford yesterday, expressed appreciation for the number of donors, because there is a shortage of blood in the state. With the shortage elsewhere Medford would be unable to "borrow" blood from other Red Cross blood banks should the need arise. Blood donated in Medford will be only used in this area Red Cross officials stressed.

Justice Walter Toozie Confined To Hospital

Salem — (U.P.) — Supreme Court Justice Walter Toozie, 70, was reported in "fair condition" at Salem Memorial hospital today with a heart condition.

Exact nature of his ailment has not been determined.

Justice Toozie checked into the hospital with what was first thought to be a digestive upset. He is now resting in an oxygen tent.

Democratic Candidates To Appear at Josephine Fair

Grants Pass — National, state and county office candidates are expected to participate in Josephine County Fair's Democratic Day Friday, Aug. 10, at the fairgrounds here.

Britain Halts Buildup Of Troops, Supplies In Suez Canal Area

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia accepted its invitation to the London Suez conference tonight with a hint it may demand internationalization of the Panama Canal and other world waterways.

London — (U.P.) — Britain called a sudden halt today to her emergency buildup of troops and supplies in the Mediterranean.

There was no official explanation for the decision which halted the flow of ships, planes, men and supplies to back up Britain's announced intention of maintaining with force if necessary free passage through the Suez Canal.

Informed sources emphasized that, for the moment at least, it was a "postponement" rather than cancellation of the buildup plans.

The Defense Ministry ordered British Overseas Airways Corp. to call off an airlift of 3,000 soldiers to British-leased bases in Libya. Six new Bristol Britannia turboprop airliners were to have started the airlift at dawn Friday.

New Timber Sale Regulations Told

Portland — (U.P.) — Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, said today that new forest service timber sale regulations had been approved by the Department of Agriculture.

He said the new regulations permit loggers to post bonds in lieu of cash deposits before cutting. They will be in the hands of field personnel on Friday and will be in effect in about 10 days.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Ervin L. Peterson advised McKay.

Small loggers and mill operators will benefit materially, McKay said. Old regulations handicapped many operators who feared large cash deposits would eliminate them from competition for timber.

Peterson said that McKay asked in April that the department make the change.

Counter-Measures Seen

Cairo sources said Eden's desecration Wednesday night of Nasser as a plundering dictator was certain to bring strong counter-measures.

Official denials in Cairo failed to halt mounting speculation Nasser would seek a defense pact with Russia when he visits the Soviet capital Aug. 16, the opening date of the London Suez Conference.

Irving Berlin Writes GOP Convention Song

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Title of the song written by Irving Berlin especially for the Republican National Convention here is "Four More Years."

Convention officials disclosed this today and said Berlin would be here to introduce and sing the song.

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Engineers Estimate Rogue December Flood Damage at \$4,048,500

Total flood damages on Rogue river during December, 1955, amounted to \$4,048,500, according to Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer of the Army corps of engineers.

Colonel Graham said the summary of damages in western Oregon is preliminary and subject to change in a final report. He added that changes which might occur would not materially alter the general picture of devastation and loss represented by the dollar value.

Agricultural Damage
Of the total damage along Rogue river, \$1,366,900 was agricultural; \$1,097,500 was residential; \$882,500 industrial and commercial; \$344,100 railroads, highways and utilities, \$35,000 flood control and navigation facilities; \$322,500 in other public property; \$3,502,500 in private property; and \$546,000 in total public property.

The damage figures are the result of surveys conducted by the Army engineers along the Willamette, Umpqua, Rogue, Coquille and other coastal streams.

Total damage in western Oregon was \$17,996,600 from the

December floods. Of the total, private damages amounted to 83 per cent or \$14,935,800, while public damage totaled \$3,060,800, or 17 per cent.

Agricultural interests in western Oregon suffered the greatest loss, \$8,700,800, or 48.3 per cent of the total.

Truman's Choice To Be Known Soon

Chicago — (U.P.) — Former President Truman said today he expects to announce his personal choice for the Democratic presidential nomination before the party's National Convention opens Monday.

Mr. Truman made the disclosure at a news conference shortly after arriving here by train from Kansas City. He received a rousing welcome from a big crowd, an arm around the shoulder greeting from front runner Adlai E. Stevenson and a warm greeting from supporters of Gov. Averell Harriman.

Harriman has not arrived here yet.

When he stepped off the train, Mr. Truman declared himself "neutral" in the battle for the presidential nomination.

Two hours later, the former President said he hopes to reach a conclusion on his choice for the nomination before the convention meets.

At that time, he said, he will "let the people know" where he stands.

Large-Scale Revolts Reported in Red China

Taipei — (U.P.) — Large-scale revolts against the Communist regime have broken out in three different areas of China, Chinese Nationalist sources reported today.

Reports circulating in Formosa said there was fighting between Communist troops and rebel forces in Tibet, Western Szechuan Province and in Mongolia. Nationalist authorities called for "active assistance" for the uprisings in Tibet and Mongolia but disclosed no details of what type of assistance was planned.

Reports from anti-Communist sources in Hong Kong said the Mongolian revolt centered around Dragon Head Mountain in northern Mongolia and that fighting still raged.

Capt. Liu Ho-Tuh, the Nationalist military spokesman, said he had no firm information on the reported revolt in Tibet but other sources said the revolt came over religious matters.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday except a slight threat of afternoon and evening thunderstorms in higher mountains. Low tonight 53. High Friday 59-62.

Aluminum Contract May Be Signed Today

New York — (U.P.) — The Aluminum Company of America and the United Steelworkers of America expected to sign a new contract today, ending a eight-day strike of 18,000 Alcoa workers.

The contract was agreed upon Wednesday night. It is a three-year, no-strike contract containing a package of wage increases and fringe benefits involving about 45.6 cents an hour over the three-year period.

USW employees of Alcoa were expected to return to work immediately upon signing of the contract.

Settlement of the USW's differences with Alcoa was expected to be followed directly by a similar agreement between the union and the Reynolds Metals company, which employs some 10,000 USW members.

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Singing star Rosemary Clooney and her actor-husband Jose Ferrer today became parents of a six-pound daughter, Maria Providencia, at St. Johns hospital.

Salem — (U.P.) — Potatoes accounted for 96 per cent of the shipping point inspections of fruits, vegetables and nuts in July, the State Agriculture Department has reported.

Tempers Flare at SP Hearing Here; To Recess Friday

Tempers of attorneys and witnesses openly flared on several occasions this morning as the hearing continued on Southern Pacific's abandonment of rail passenger service in southern Oregon.

Witnesses in the third day of the hearing included R. E. Plummer, assistant to the president of Southern Pacific; Robert C. Martin, mayor of Grants Pass; Paulus McKee, assistant general manager of Pacific Plywood company, Roseburg; and Earl M. Bleile, general sales manager of Roseburg Lumber company.

Recess Called
Examiner Clifford Ferguson of the Public Utilities Commission called a noon recess while Bleile's testimony was in progress in an obvious effort to halt an argument between attorneys on both sides.

Attorneys for SP said they were attempting to prove through Bleile's testimony that freight service had improved since abandonment of passenger service last August.

Attorney Phil Lowry, one of the complainants in the case, objected to a question posed to the witness regarding recently improved time schedules. He said to the examiner, "The question is irrelevant. How do we know the firm Bleile represents is not a preferred customer?"

Stricken From Record
Ogelsby Young, an attorney representing SP, demanded that Lowry's question be stricken from the record. The two attorneys became involved in disagreement, as Ferguson ordered the recess. Young insisted the examiner rule on his request before the recess went into effect. Further argument ensued and the examiner repeated his order for the recess, stating he would rule on the argument later.

Disagreement flared earlier in the morning after Lowry asked Plummer a question regarding abandonment of rail service on the Siskiyou line. The witness accused Lowry of putting words into his mouth; and SP attorneys reiterated the charge.

Parties Reprimanded
Ferguson reprimanded the witness as well as attorneys for engaging in argument. Plummer's most frequent answer to questions by complainants was, "I don't know."

Martin, who said he was not testifying as mayor of Grants Pass but as a private citizen, said he felt his community would continue to grow at an accelerated rate even though rail passenger service is not available.

McKee said Pacific Plywood company has been better able to comply with freight schedules since abandonment of passenger service because of improved switches.

Wednesday Testimony
Charles B. Nines, engineer in Southern Pacific's bureau of transportation research, San Francisco, was on the witness stand all afternoon Wednesday. Most of his testimony, relating to 21 exhibits on costs and revenues, was of technical nature. It was indicated he will be recalled to the witness stand at a

later date for further cross-examination.

Ferguson said this morning the current hearing will be recessed at noon Friday and resumed late in September. He said testimony and cross-examination of SP's witnesses is expected to last another five days. He said obligations of several officials at the hearing would prevent continuing the sessions into next week.

As today's session opened, Lowry accused Southern Pacific of deliberately withholding figures on freight revenues for the Eugene-Ashland line. SP officials repeated the contention they have made throughout the hearing that all available figures have been or will be produced before the hearing ends.

Ashland Teenager Drowns Near South End of Emigrant

Frederick Thomas Hearn, 17, of 1340 East Main st., Ashland, drowned about 3:15 p.m. yesterday near the south end of Emigrant lake at Ashland.

State police said the boy, who was wearing levis, apparently attempted to swim from the boat from which he was fishing to the shore, a distance of between 1,000 and 1,200 feet.

He drowned in about eight feet of water about 30 feet from the west shore line. State police said he apparently became exhausted.

Accompanied Hearn
County Coroner Carlos W. Morris said Joe Sutherland, 16, of route 1, box 374, Ashland, who accompanied young Hearn in the boat, brought the boat to the scene when Hearn called for help. But Hearn, Morris said, failed to come to the surface again.

He was in a party which included Mrs. Vera Sutherland, route 1, box 374, Ashland, and her children, Jaunita Sutherland, 14, Forest Sutherland, 11, and Joe; and Hearn's sisters, Althea Hearn, 14, and Alice Hearn, 11. The party was taken to Emigrant lake by Mrs. Sutherland, police said.

A state police officer and a man whose identity was not reported, recovered the body about 5:37 p.m., police said.

Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hearn of Ashland.

Ashland mortuary is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Silverton Youth Dies As Automobile Overturns

Lebanon — (U.P.) — Joseph W. Vibbard, 17, Silverton, was killed and four young companions were injured early today when the car in which they were riding went out of control and rolled over several times.

With her will be her court which includes Miss Tessie Fisher and Miss Juanita James, Medford, Miss Maxine Felle, Eagle Point, and Miss Marcia Woodward, Butte Falls.

The queen and her court were selected on appearances, personality, and riding ability.

Mac Barbour will be the producer for the all-professional world champion show approved by the Rodeo Cowboys' association. Points earned here count toward the world championship. Barbour also will furnish the stock for the show.

The rodeo has put up a purse of \$1,000 which will be divided among the five events. As last year, a Gibson saddle made in Medford and valued at \$250 will be awarded the "best all-around cowboy."

Tickets may be purchased at Barker's Men store.

14th Annual Rogue River Roundup Starts Tomorrow

The 14th Annual Rogue River Roundup, sponsored by the Jackson county Mounted Sheriff's posse, will open here tomorrow.

The first event will be a horse parade at 5 p.m., starting at Ivy and Sixth st. and proceeding east on Main st. to Bartlett st. and west on Sixth to Ivy st.

Friday evening's performance of the rodeo at the Posse grounds on Sage rd. will be "family night," with children admitted for half price.

On Saturday, the major parade of the annual event will start at 2 p.m. following the same route as the horse parade.

The three evening performances will start at 7:30 p.m. There will not be afternoon performances this year.

Roundup queen, Miss Verna Hickman of Eagle Point, will reign over Roundup festivities.