

Oregon Log Truck Driver Receives Posthumous Citation for Heroism

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission today announced the award of a bronze medal to the widow of a Oregon truck driver who gave his life last year to save several persons from a runaway truck he was driving.

The award went to the widow of Robert J. Short and includes death benefits of \$80 per month. She lives at 3214 Brown rd., Salem. His fatal accident occurred on Aug. 20, 1955.

Short was one of 38 persons cited for outstanding acts of heroism by the commission, which was set up by the late Pittsburgh steel magnate, Andrew W. Carnegie, in 1904 with a \$5 million grant. It reviews reports of heroic acts by Americans and votes awards three times a year.

Short, 28, a truck driver, was

hauling a load of logs when the brakes failed as he was about to enter a thoroughfare in West Linn leading to the bridge to Oregon City. At the time pedestrian and vehicular traffic was at a noon peak.

Short, sounding the horn continuously, steered the truck past two side streets and onto the bridge. The truck's speed increased to 50 miles per hour on the down grade and Short waved an approaching car to the far side of the bridge. As the truck approached an intersection at the end of the bridge, the traffic signal changed to green, halting cross traffic.

Continuing to steer the truck and sound the horn, Short moved to a standing position on the run-board while shouting warnings to pedestrians as the truck passed within three feet of sev-

eral parked automobiles.

Leaps From Truck

Then, traveling at 60 miles per hour, the truck approached a concrete abutment containing the entrance to a pedestrian tunnel at the end of the street.

When the truck was 75 feet from the tunnel, two boys emerged from the entrance and Short immediately swerved the truck away from them. Forty feet from the abutment, Short leaped to the pavement and the truck crashed into the wall three feet from the tunnel entrance.

Chains holding the load were broken by the impact and some of the logs fell from the truck, burying Short. After being removed, Short was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.



BUSINESS GOES ON in this Pico, Cal., service station as sheet-covered body of Mrs. Peggy Smith, 46, awaits removal. Mrs. Smith was slain by estranged husband, Ivan, who later killed mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Trujillo, 69, wounded a nephew, then turned the gun on himself. Smiths had been separated two months. (International)

High Freight Rates Blamed on Regulation

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Old fashioned regulations have forced the Western railroad companies to seek higher rates on freight traffic, according to Joseph H. Hays, general counsel of the Association of Western Railroads.

The Chicagoan told a tri-state meeting of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen here Friday that the efforts of the railroad's to reduce the size of the West's freight bill "have been blocked because their competitors have been able to prevent certain railroad reductions."

"Railroad arithmetic is no different from that of other lines of business," Hays said. "They must have volume in order to

'Oregon' Globemaster Makes First Airdrop

Christchurch, N.Z. — (U.P.) — The U.S. Globemaster "State of Oregon" made the first airdrop at the South Pole Saturday in Antarctic Expedition Deep Freeze.

The plane flew 750 miles from the expedition's main base at McMurdo sound. It parachuted barrels of fuel oil from a height of 1,500 feet over the Polar plateau.

Maj. Gen. Chester McCarty, commander of the 18th Air Force, piloted the plane. With him were Air Force Col. Horace A. Crosswell, Navy Capt. William

Hawkes, and Dr. Paul Siple, who will be in charge of the South Pole base.

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Red Troops Guard East German Roads

Berlin — (U.P.) — East German Communists put their country into a state of siege Saturday in fear that student unrest might explode into open revolt as it did in Hungary.

Thousands of Red troops and police guarded bridges, railways and roads throughout the east zone, and kept a check on travelers entering east Berlin.

Their jitters indicated a major fear that the anti-Russian trend which brought riots in Poland and rebellion in Hungary might spread to a restive east Germany with disastrous results.

Red Cross to Set Up Hungary Aid Program

Geneva — (U.P.) — A special Red Cross delegate is en route to Vienna to set up an aid program for revolt-torn Hungary, the International Red Cross has announced.

In New York, a spokesman for Radio Free Europe said the Hungarian rebel forces had given a Radio Free Europe correspondent on the Austrian border a message appealing for medicines, bandages and blood plasma.

Tunis, Tunisia — (U.P.) — French troops fought off Tunisian soldiers and a Moslem mob only 10 miles south of Tunis Saturday in the latest outbreak between France and its former protectorates of Tunisia and Morocco.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Take a high school student... yank him out of class and make him a star in his first motion picture... how would he react?

Hal Stalmaster is just as excited and dazed as you would expect. One day he was just another 16-year-old junior at Beverly Hills High school. The next day producer Walt Disney nailed him to star in the title role in "Johnny Tremain," which the old master hopes will hit as hard as did his fabulous Davy Crockett series on TV and in movie theaters.

Fictitious Character

Johnny Tremain is a fictional lad who falls in and out of adventures with true-life characters such as Paul Revere in the Revolutionary War period. Disney was searching for a youth with an eager eye.

Hal, who looks very eager, was working last summer as an office boy for his brother, a TV casting director. One agent who spotted Hal running errands got him a job in a TV film playing the Rev. Bob Richards, the pole

vaulter, as a youth. That was his first acting job.

Then another agent saw Hal and reporting him to Disney. "I asked my brother, and he said it was okay," Hal said excitedly.

Hal was born in Los Angeles but his father, the late Irvin Stalmaster, once was a State Supreme Court judge in Nebraska. At Beverly Hills High Hal studies U. S. History, English and Spanish.

"I'd always planned to go into show business, but as a producer where you get a regular paycheck," he said. "When you're an actor you never know when you'll work. Now I'll wait and see what happens after this Disney movie comes out. I may continue acting."

A \$1 Million Budget

In reverse from the Davy Crockett movie, "Johnny Tremain" will be shown first in movie theaters next spring. It had been scheduled for a TV showing first in January. But Davy Crockett apparently fared sadly in theaters because he had been a television star first. This time Disney will try to recoup his \$1 million budget from theaters first, and next season, splice "Johnny Tremain" into a TV series.

One disadvantage Hal has found to his new job is—he has

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