

Four Accidents Are Reported to State Police Yesterday

Four accidents, none of them too serious, were reported to state police yesterday. All four were attributed to either fog or slippery highways.

A log truck operated by Elwin Gale Bannke, 30, of Eagle Point, and a pickup truck operated by Barbara Mae Mathews, 15, of route 1, box 135, Eagle Point, were involved in an accident at the intersection of Highway 82 and Avenue G.

The log truck swerved to avoid hitting the pickup truck, police said, and went into a ditch where the truck lost its load of nine logs. Bannke told police the pickup truck appeared to be backing onto the highway at the time, police said. Miss Mathews suffered minor arm injuries in the accident, they said.

Vehicles operated by Pete Graves, 44, of 806 Riverside ave., Medford, and William Goldsmith Preston, 22, of 940 Winchester ave., Medford, were involved in an accident on Table Rock rd. about a half a mile north of the Big Y, police said.

Police said Graves was attempting to find a driveway, but went beyond the point where he wanted to turn and stopped in the middle of the highway. The Preston vehicle struck Graves' car in the rear. Graves was cited for operating without lights.

A three-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Highway 99 and Beal lane about 8.10 p.m. yesterday.

Involved were a log truck operated by William Gilbert Holmes, 32, of 2439 Howard ave., Medford; George Gilman Jr., 17, of route 2, box 372, Medford; and Milton John Hilkey, 27, of route 1, box 560, Central Point.

Gilman received a cut head, and was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by Medford Ambulance service.

Police said all vehicles were going north on Highway 99, and the truck operated by Holmes attempted to make a turn onto Beal lane. The truck traveled too far to make the turn and the tractor went off the highway. The driver was attempting to straighten the vehicle when the trailer was struck by the Gilman vehicle, police said.

The truck operated by Hilkey attempted to swerve to avoid hitting Gilman's vehicle and the log truck, but slid into Gilman's car, police said.

An accident about four miles north of Siskiyou lodge on Highway 99 involved cars operated by John P. Ketch, 20, a Coast Guardsman stationed at Alameda, Calif., and John Frederick Johnson, 20, a Navy man stationed at Tacoma, Wash.

Police said Ketch reported the accident and that the other driver failed to stop at the scene. Johnson was later apprehended when police found his car parked along the highway further south. He was lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$200 bail for failure to stop at the scene of an accident, police said.

The accident happened when Johnson attempted to slow because a truck was parked along the highway. The car slid around and struck the Ketch vehicle, which was parked on the west side of the highway with its headlights on. Police said Johnson straightened his car, asked if anyone was injured and proceeded south.

U. S. Army in Europe Tops in Killing Power

Heidelberg, Germany—U.P.—U. S. Army divisions in Europe now have "more killing power than any other army in the world," the Army's year-end report said today.

"Firepower and mobility was greatly increased" by replacing two infantry divisions in Germany with the 3rd Armored and 11th Airborne Divisions, the progress report stated.

Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, the U. S. Army's European commander for the first half of 1956, described his troops as "better trained and better equipped than any other peacetime troops I have ever seen."

The present commander is Gen. H. L. Hodges.

Air Force Plane Crashes in Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska—U.P.—An Air Force plane with eight men aboard crashed near Willow, Alaska, about 50 miles north of here, late Wednesday night.

The wreckage of the KB29 has been spotted on Bald Mountain and a ground party is on its way to the scene, a spokesman at Elmendorf Air Force Base here said. It was not known if there were any survivors.

The four-engine plane had left Elmendorf on a routine training flight. The identity of those aboard was not released.



EGYPTIANS RETURN—Tens of thousands of persons gave out delirious cries of joy and shouts of "long live Nasser and the Egyptian army," as the first Egyptian troops entered Port Said following the withdrawal of Anglo-French forces. Chanting Nasser's name, members of the crowd climbed aboard the arriving Egyptian tanks (above) in wild abandon.

Preston Tucker, Promoter of Dream Car, Dies of Cancer at 53

Ypsilanti, Mich.—U.P.—Preston Tucker, a young man with visions of an auto empire in 1946, but a financial ruin by 1950, died Wednesday of cancer at the age of 53.

Existing auto firms hadn't dusted off peace-time machinery in 1945-46 when the handsome Tucker, a "mystery man," unveiled sketches of the revolutionary tear-drop "Tucker Torpedo." The public investors, would be dealers and buyers — was to invest \$26 million in these sketches and some 60 handbuilt and partly-finished models before Tucker's final exit in 1950.

Leased War Plant
Tucker announced engineering features which auto firms had only on drawing boards or experimental cars. He got an impressive list of auto executives and technicians to join him. He leased a \$200 million war plant to build the cars. He tried to buy a government-owned steel

mill. He flew his first handbuilt model around the country before his plant was set up and sold more than \$17 million in stock. He sold \$18 million in franchises and car delivery certificates to dealers who never got a car and sold buyers to pay \$3 million for accessories for cars never made.

The government indicted Tucker and seven other executives of his firm for stock fraud, mail fraud and conspiracy. But a federal court jury acquitted the defendants and Tucker charged until his death opposition by powerful figures of the auto industry, political and financial worlds prevented his success.

Grasped Imagination
Fortune bloomed briefly after Tucker described his car in February, 1946. And here are some of the features which grasped the public's imagination and have since appeared — or may still appear—on production cars.

Torque converter automatic transmissions; a rear-drive engine; individual four-wheel suspension with torsion bar springing; reinforced interior with padded dash; pushout windshield; cut-proof glass; air-cooled disc brakes; fuel injection; two-cylinder, high compression 150-horsepower engine; steel and

Port of Portland Files Exceptions

Portland—U.P.—The Port of Portland has filed exceptions to a Civil Aeronautics Board examiner's recommendation that Portland be excluded from direct air service to Europe via the polar great circle route.

W. L. Williams, president of the port, said direct air service between Portland and foreign countries is "inevitable."

Williams pointed out Portland's central location in the Northwest makes it the logical hub of aviation for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. This geographic location explains why we are today the Northwest's largest seaport and why airline operations—another form of commerce—will continue to grow.

The official also emphasized improvements now under way at the Portland terminal, including construction of a \$4,250,000 terminal building.

Father of Iowa Grid Player Dies

Gary, Ind.—U.P.—Richard Haussman, 47, father of Iowa football end Robert Haussman, died Wednesday night in a hospital here of injuries suffered in an explosion while fighting a restaurant fire.

Haussman was one of the 12 firemen injured in the blast Dec. 17. He had been in critical condition since with a broken back, a skull fracture and internal injuries.

Robert hurried home to his father's bedside from California where the Iowa football squad is preparing for the Rose Bowl game New Year's Day.

He returned to Pasadena Sunday because his father's condition "looked pretty good and Dick wanted the kid to go back to the Rose Bowl," a fire department spokesman said.

Hospital officials said his death was caused by complications arising from damage to his liver and kidneys.

There are 2,300 lakes, ponds or reservoirs in New York, of which 78 have an area of one square mile or more.

Unrest in Cuba Brings Death To 11

Havana—U.P.—At least 11 persons have been killed since Christmas Day in what the Army described today as a "falling out" between political opponents of President Fulgencio Batista.

The army reported nine persons were shot to death and two "executed" by hanging in Oriente Province in eastern Cuba. The province has been the main center of opposition to the Batista government.

An army sergeant was killed and a private wounded when gunmen fired on a jeep patrol early Wednesday in La Lisa, a suburb of Havana.

Shootings, bombings and sabotage marred the Christmas celebration throughout the island. Terrorists made an unsuccessful attempt to blow up the electric power plant at Havana's International Rancho Boyeros Airport.

Madras Youths Hurt In Plunge Into Gorge

Redmond—U.P.—Two youthful Madras duck hunters fell 100 feet to the depths of Crooked river gorge yesterday, then managed to make their own way out of the chasm.

John McClaskey, 17, and Raymond Barney, 18, were both believed to have suffered leg fractures and possible internal injuries from their fall.

They told officers they had climbed to the bottom of the gorge to retrieve two ducks they had shot. About 100 feet up the steep walls of the gorge, they stopped to rest. A rock on which they were sitting gave way, plunging both to the river bed.

After climbing out of the gorge they made their way unassisted to the nearby home of a relative of one of the youths and were brought to a hospital here.

Clare Boothe Luce Ends Three Years as Ambassador To Italy

Rome—U.P.—The Luce era ended today in Italy.

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, the ambassador who stunned a whole nation just because she was a lady, wound up her affairs here after a spectacularly successful diplomatic career many persons had predicted would be an equally spectacular flop.

The Italians who viewed her with alarm four years ago bade her a warm farewell as she toured Rome for the last time as a diplomat.

Personal Goodby
Mrs. Luce spoke her personal goodby Wednesday night to the eternal city she has called her home and office for more than three years.

Standing before the sparkling green pool of the Trevi fountain she twice called out "arrivederci, Roma" (goodbye Rome) as she lightly tossed an American half dollar into the fountain—a gesture that for two centuries meant the thrower will return safely from his journeys in foreign lands.

The ambassador and her husband, Henry P. Luce of Time, Inc., were leaving today by plane for New York. Mrs. Luce will go to Washington for what the State Department calls a "debriefing" and to meet her new replacement, James D. Zellerbach, a Western industrialist. Earlier Wednesday night Mr.

and Mrs. Luce attended the gala initial performance of the Rome opera season, Mascagni's "Iris," but did not wait for the second act intermezzo.

With her departure today Mrs. Luce brings to an end a 3½-year tour of duty as the first American woman ambassador to a major world capital.

HOME COOKING
Muskegon, Mich.—U.P.—She's a wonderful cook," commented Archie LeRoy Cole, 41, when he and Mrs. Anna Agnes Burst, an 81-year-old widow, applied for a marriage license here.

Kaiser Reports on Aluminum Earnings

Oakland, Calif.—U.P.—Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. net earnings for the second fiscal quarter ended Nov. 30, 1956, were \$8,001,000, President Henry J. Kaiser announced today.

responding period of 1955, he said. Net sales for the quarter were \$35,348,000, as compared to \$77,151,000 for the 1955 period. The earnings are equivalent to 49 cents per share. Per share earnings for the quarter a year ago were 49 cents.

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