

Three Injured in Saturday Accident

Three persons received minor injuries in an accident Saturday night on the North Phoenix rd., state police reported today.

Injured were Richard Stanley Lingren, 16, of 2386 Table Rock rd., the driver, and passengers, Linda Sue Coop, 15, of 1916 North Elm st., and Sandra Gail Riech, 15, of 1173 Casino rd., Medford.

Stanley told state police that his car was headed north on the North Phoenix rd., when he swerved to avoid a dog crossing the road. The car went onto a shoulder and into a shallow ditch where it turned over, state police said. Extensive damage resulted to the car and the occupants were taken to Rogue Valley hospital for minor bruises and bumps. They were released after a check-up.

A brake failure was blamed for an accident at 9 a.m. Sunday on the North Pacific highway, 14 miles north of Medford, state police said. No injuries were reported but extensive property damage resulted, officers said.

The driver, Joseph Angelo, 68, of Portland, told state police that the vehicle's brakes failed on a right curve causing it to slide into a nearby private drive. The car crossed the drive, a lawn and rolled into a small orchard where it hit a tree.

Salem Tot Chokes To Death on Rattle

Salem - (UPI) - Randy Lee Thomas, seven-month-old Salem boy, choked to death on a baby rattle late Saturday.

Randy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Thomas, was in the family automobile with his two-year-old brother when the tragedy occurred.

The victim's mother discovered the infant with the rattle, shaped like a dumbbell, in his throat. The parents were delivering household goods to a local truck line, preparing to move from Salem to Wyoming.

Time Magazine Tears Into Rep. Porter

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington Correspondent
Washington (Special)-Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) says that when a politician kicks someone's sacred cow, he can expect to be compared to a goosey bird.

Porter ought to know, for this week's issue of Time magazine devotes two columns to the

Eugene congressman and describes him as a migratory species of whooping congressman "recognized by its raucous cry and by its frequent fumbling, bumbling, freeloading flights to exotic lands, where it lays eggs of the oddest shapes."

The article was touched off by Porter's recent trip to the Far East, where he visited Japan, Okinawa and Formosa. He went there for the House Civil Service Committee to study problems affecting U.S. civil employees at foreign posts.

The sacred cow, says Porter, is the prevailing China policy of the State Department, which Time magazine kicks at every opportunity.

Time jumped on the congressman for having said that "Chiang Kai-shek should be sent to an old soldier's home, preferably one with barbed wire around it."

Porter concedes it was an unfortunate description for his desire to see the aged Nationalist leader retired, and one he has no plans to repeat. He insists he doesn't

want Chiang jailed, as the quote could be interpreted. After Porter made the barbed wire crack in a speech at San Francisco prior to going to Japan, the Nationalist Chinese ambassador here lodged a protest with the State Department.

Porter's congressional office inquired directly with the Chinese embassy whether the congressman would be welcome to visit Formosa, the reaction was favorable. When Porter arrived on Formosa, the U.S. diplomat in charge during the absence of the American ambassador held a dinner party for Porter to which members of Chiang's cabinet were invited.

Sensing a certain tenseness in the room as he entered to meet the other guests, Porter wisecracked: "I suppose that if I convince you of my point of view, you'll all be shot."

Porter, in telling this account of his trip during a press conference last week upon his arrival back in Washington, said this jesting remark helped relieve the tension, and the dinner party proceeded successfully.

Time reported the wisecracking remark, then added in its account of the affair: "A glacial silence descended on the party and Porter returned to Tokyo next day."

In a letter to Time magazine, Porter said: "Of course I knew the Time-line about Nationalist China. I didn't expect sympathetic treatment of my activities on my recent trip but I did expect better journalism."

Porter returned from Formosa with a very favorable attitude toward land reform and agricultural production improvements instituted on the island with the co-operation of the Chinese officials and American technicians.

He said farmers' co-operatives have been established, in which the farmers have been given the right to vote a new right that Porter said took some time to get the farmers to quite comprehend.

Rice production is rising 5 per cent each year, he noted, and observers from all over Asia come to see this progress. Another great accomplishment is land reform, reducing the land's share of production of 37 1/2 per cent of what the tenant or share-

cropper produces on his land. Porter said the landlord's share previously ran as high as 90 per cent.

"This is what is important to people in all Asia," Porter declared. "This is how you win the cold war."

Rough Winter for Michigan '59ers Seen in Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska - (UPI) - The sourdoughs are predicting a rough winter ahead for the Michigan '59ers who migrated to Alaska in a motorized caravan to homestead in the 49th state.

The original group headed for the Kenai Peninsula southwest of Anchorage to take up their land. In the months since their arrival last March, however, the families have spread out.

Some remained in the Kenai area. Some abandoned their homesteads and moved to Anchorage as construction workers. One group of seven families took up acreage near Talkeetna on the Susitna river, 112 miles northeast of Anchorage. And some have gone back home to the Middle West.

Marino Sik, who finally ended up as trail boss of the original group of '59ers, now heads the community of Talkeetna. He said the families had built a community barn and four cabins to see them through the winter.

"We're doing pretty well," Sik said, "and I think we'll have enough feed for our livestock due to the generosity of our neighbors who let us use some of their cleared land last summer to grow hay."

Warm Weather
The homesteaders were blessed with unusually warm weather in the early fall, and were able to get their living quarters in fairly good shape before winter arrived.

But veteran railroaders who know the Talkeetna area said the region they have chosen to homestead gets some of the worst weather in south central Alaska with high winds, bitter cold and extreme icing conditions.

The sourdoughs are also critical of the location of the Talkeetna homesteaders. They pointed out that the seven families are living across the river from the village, cutting themselves off from all communication except in mid-winter when the river freezes.

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AMA President Will Speak in Portland

Portland - (UPI) - Dr. Louis M. Orr, president of the American Medical Association, will speak here Dec. 8 at the 75th annual banquet of the Multnomah County Medical Society.

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Post Office's Eerie Robot Family Can Read Addresses, Sort Out Mail

By DOC QUIGG

New York - (UPI) - The Post Office department has unveiled to public gaze here an eerie family of post-robots postmen of the mechanized future - automatic mail handling machines so smart that one of them can even read addresses. Some will be in use within a year.

It was emphasized that no career postal employee will lose his job when the automation gets into full whirr. The volume of mail is increasing so fast that everybody will have plenty to do. Bert B. Barnes, assistant postmaster general for operations, said at a press review there will be 61 billion pieces of mail this year, plus one billion parcels.

The experimental and prototype models are on display at the 11th American Stamp Dealers association exhibition.

Even the name of the outfit that makes the "automatic address reader" is enough to give a human being the shivers - Intelligent Machines Research Corp. The experimental model on exhibit reads addresses far faster than the human eye. Its optical scanning device is

geared to read 20 different city and state combinations. However, the Post Office department has contracted for a smarter, transistorized one that can read-and sort out - 40 different combinations at a minimum rate of 10,000 letters per hour.

Neil L. Halliday, of the post office research and engineering office, said the machine "has been trained to learn its abc's just as a kid is." He added: "Through its logic section (that's what he said), it can even detect variations in spelling."

Soris Out Letters
To demonstrate, he directed the machine to sort him out into one batch all letters addressed to Pennsylvania and then fed it a gulp of mail addressed to various states. The machine buzzed and hiccupped into fast action and spewed the Pennsylvania letters into a neat pile - even though Halliday had trickily varied the spellings into Pa., Penn., Penna., and Pennsylvania.

The machine reads only typewritten or printed addresses.

"You'll never get one that can read longhand," a reporter said. "They're working on that now," Halliday

replied.

Offers Writing Paper
The exhibit includes a "Robot Vending Machine" for customer-operated postal substations. It provides the public with all window service except money orders - and goes the windows one better by offering writing paper at a penny a sheet. You dial the number of stamps you want.

There's also a "parcel post acceptance unit" that will take your package, weigh it, help you figure out the correct postage, and then spray a fast-drying liquid stamp on it when you deposit the right coins in the slot. They hope to have this thing in public use by next fall.

Pornography Detected?
Also among the machines is a "Mark II Facer-Canceler," which uses the photoelectric cell method to position the letters properly and cancel them. The letters hurtle through its innards like white meteors - processed at rates in excess of 30,000 an hour.

"Do you anticipate," Halliday was asked, "that you can build a machine that is able to detect pornography?"

He tutted and replied: "That's an unfair question."



FIREMEN DRENCHED - An unexpected shower drenches unidentified firemen during a fire at a laundry in San Francisco. The break in the hose widened to deluge proportions within moments. The fire, fought by 70 firemen, damaged delivery trucks as well as piles of linen with destruction estimated at \$10,000. (UPI Telephoto)

Small Business' Problems Solved by Long-Term Leases

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor
New York - (UPI) - Small business is solving problems of tight money through long-term leasing of production equipment.

And equipment leasing in turn has become big business for several firms which are able to raise sums of money more readily than the little business man.

Robert Sheridan, president of Nationwide Leasing Co., third largest unit in its field, told United Press International that leasing is going to become an integral part of corporate finance for large and small business.

He explained that the little business man faces difficulty raising capital and without leasing would have to rely on outmoded, inefficient equipment.

Big Firms Lease Too
Big firms find leasing advantageous too. Sheridan cited a billion dollar oil company with ample credit and

working capital which leased a big analog computer because it could treat it as an expense rather than capitalize it and depreciate it year by year over its life.

A big mid-west supermarket leased \$77,640 of equipment from Nationwide, including nearly 100 items ranging from a \$17 cheese cutter to \$7,164 of cash registers.

A chicken processing company in Arkansas leased \$60,000 in special processing equipment. A Florida drive-in leased its kitchen and interior equipment. A hospital leased all its equipment. A state bank in Illinois leased calculating equipment.

Sheridan's firm is ready to lease anything to firms with good credit ratings, efficient management and good outlook. The company doing the leasing selects the type of machinery or other equipment it wants and Nationwide makes the purchase, leases it out and collects the annual payments in one sum instead of separate sums on the many individual items involved. Leases usually run from three to five years.

Nationwide has leased a wide variety of items to a wide variety of companies. Sheridan says its leases extend to land, sea and the air. The sea venture involves several fishing scows.

Through leasing, Sheridan explained, small business can be supplied with the latest type of equipment without impairing its working capital or its credit rating. The method provides a rapid writeoff of equipment costs.

"Leasing," says Sheridan, "offers financing that does not affect a firm's ability to borrow from its normal sources."

"This is because a lease-like rent on a building is not

a liability on the balance sheet. Only the current year's payments are shown as a liability."

Money Raising Difficulty
Small business always has had difficulty in raising money for equipment. It is difficult to float stocks or bonds, and banks will not lend for long term, preferring loans of less than a year.

Nationwide has found small business to which it has leased equipment to be an excellent risk. The default record is very low - a small fraction of one percent - Sheridan says.

Leasing of equipment by firms with less than \$1 million in assets has more than tripled in the past two years and Sheridan estimates it will reach \$300 million by the end of this year, not including leased railroad rolling stock, cars or trucks.

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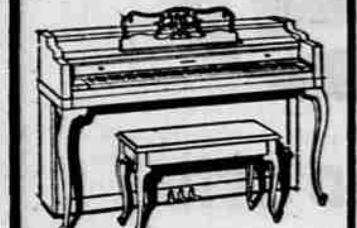
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