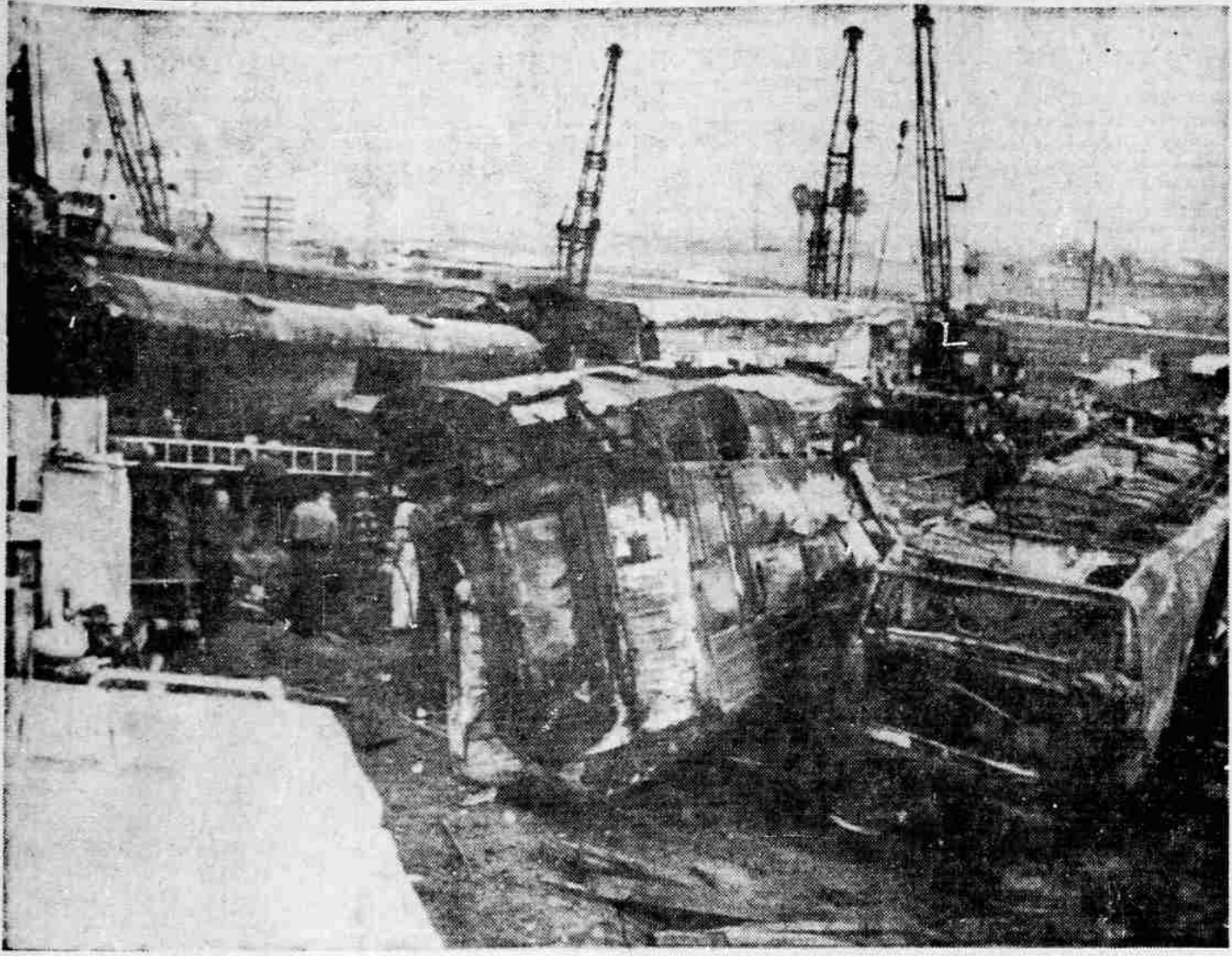


# 14 Persons Perish in Train-Truck Collision



**RAIL CARS SCATTERED**—Cars from the wrecked passenger train are scattered in a farm field near Bakersfield, Calif., where they stopped after the train crashed into an oil truck last night. Rescue workers were still searching for bodies today. See picture on page 2. —(UPI Telephoto)

## Truck's Load of Diesel Oil Spews Over 11-Car Train

**Tracks Reopened By Repair Crews**

Bakersfield, Calif. — (UPI) — The wreckage of an 11-car passenger train and a tank truck, remnants of a disastrous collision that claimed at least 14 lives and injured 60, was cleared from the tracks today.

Rail traffic over the Santa Fe main line, closed since the train and truck loaded with 8,000 gallons of diesel oil erupted into a fiery pyre at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, returned to normal at 10:15 a.m. But not before 1,200 feet of rails were replaced.

As other passenger trains sped past the scene, rescue crews continued to sift the debris for possible additional victims.

About 35 persons still remained in Bakersfield's three largest hospitals, a half-dozen of them in critical condition.

The speeding Chicago-bound Santa Fe Chief smashed broadside into the loaded tanker at a crossing at dusk Tuesday. The truck's 8,000 gallons of fuel oil spewed flaming through the air and spread a path of fire along the right of way.

All but two of the 11 passenger cars were derailed. Some jackknifed atop each other under a rain of burning oil.

Fire crews quenched the flames two hours later. Only then, with the wreckage still steaming, could rescue crews from throughout San Joaquin Valley start their grisly task.

Giant cranes and acetylene torches were used to separate the layers of steel, described by a worker as similar to a crushed piece of aluminum foil.

Gently they lifted small severed bits of steel or whole passenger cars in search of the charred and mangled bodies. One man was taken out critically injured but alive from the crash eight hours after the accident.

There were 72 passengers and 11 crewmen aboard. The forward cars suffered the more severe damage. The last two units remained upright on the tracks.

The victims included the engineer of the train, L. A. Snyder, 67, a 42-year-veteran. Also dead were the truck driver and the train's fireman.

## Applying Picks Candidates for Primary Ballot

**Nelson Rockefeller Included on List**

Salem, Ore. — (UPI) — The names of six Democrats, including Adlai E. Stevenson, and of two Republicans, including New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, were entered today for Oregon's May 20 presidential primary election.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) also was entered. Rockefeller Wants Off

Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Rockefeller were named as Republican candidates although Rockefeller has sent word he was mailing an affidavit which would remove him from the ballot.

Other Democrats were Sens. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, John Kennedy of Massachusetts, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, and Stuart Symington of Missouri.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., a Republican, had the power to name the candidates under a new Oregon law. Those picked have until 5 p.m. March 14 to remove their names from the ballot.

**Morse By Petition**  
 Humphrey's name already has been entered by the petition method. Also on the ballot by this method is Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), making seven Democrats in all.

Appling said he chose Kefauver because the Tennessee senator had appeared in nearly every poll dating back to last year.

No candidates were chosen for vice president.

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**CRASH AFTERMATH** — Two drivers lost their lives and four passengers are hospitalized as a result of the two-car collision Tuesday night which left the tangled wreckage above. The black sedan, operated by Clarence Elston Pullen, 23, route 1 box 510, Cave Junction, left the northbound lane of traffic on Highway 99 north of Ashland and collided in the outside southbound lane with the light colored sedan driven by Vernon L. Ogle, 44, of 322 Wimer st., Ashland. Ogle and Pullen were killed outright. State police, sheriff's deputies and Ashland city police were called to the scene. (Photo by Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies)

## Two Killed In Traffic Accident

A two-car head-on collision north of Ashland on Billings Hill took the lives of two drivers and injured four passengers about 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, state police reported.

Killed were Clarence Elston Pullen, 23, route 1, box 510, Cave Junction, driver of a sports sedan, and Vernon L. Ogle, 44, of 322 Wimer st., Ashland, driver and lone occupant of the other sedan.

Miss Arlis Wella Brooks, about 17, of 532 N.W. Midlands, Grant Pass, passenger in Pullen's car, was reported in critical condition at Rogue Valley hospital. She received face and head injuries.

Others injured, all passengers in Pullen's car, were Herb Dale Kennedy, 19, Cave Junction, who was transferred to Rogue Valley hospital today with multiple bruises and undetermined injuries; James Weaver, 18, of 1650 Fruitdale drive, Grants Pass, who underwent surgery at the Ashland Hospital this morning for a fractured jaw; and Janet Marie Smith, 18, of 204 Palm st., who was reported in fair condition at Rogue Valley hospital. She suffered a broken leg.

Police said the accident occurred when Pullen's northbound car crossed the center stripe on Highway 99 and traveled into the outside south-bound lane of traffic, striking the left front end of Ogle's car.

The mishap was the second double fatality collision in Jackson county within five days. It brought to five the number of traffic fatalities in the county in 1960. At this time last year, the death toll was seven.

Litwiller's Funeral home, Ashland, will announce funeral services for Ogle.

## Hospital Plans Okayed; Bowling Alley Discussed

Ashland — Tentative plans for a new \$350,000 hospital were approved by the Ashland city council last night and are now subject to final approval by state and federal agencies.

Construction of the 34-bed hospital is expected to start in late spring or early summer. The plans were approved by the city hospital board Monday night.

The council also passed a resolution calling for bids for hospital construction and instructed City Attorney Harry Skerry to pick up options on the necessary properties.

Plans to establish a fund, possibly to be called the hospital option fund, were discussed.

A proposal to build a \$250,000 bowling alley on Highway 99 between Faith ave. and Park st. was presented to the council, but the key problem still is the legality of offstreet parking in a residentially zoned area.

Skerry, however, was instructed by the council to draft an ordinance changing the maximum allowable highway frontage from 150 to 200 feet and to allow a 250-foot perimeter.

Possible zoning ordinance changes were discussed and it was moved that City Superintendent Elmer Biegel be instructed to limit building permits to single-unit dwellings in residential zones effective immediately, pending a hearing on an ordinance incorporating zoning restrictions in the city.

Regarding a proposed fare increase by a bus line operating through Ashland, the council adopted a proposal to write a letter of appeal to the firm. The letter will cite the position of elderly Ashland residents who use the buses frequently and are opposed to the increase.

City Recorder W. E. Bartlett reported that a representative of the state highway department will be here next week to discuss an access road to the proposed highway which would bypass the city.

## Unwed Mothers Costing Welfare \$80,000 a Month

Salem — (UPI) — The State Department of Finance and Administration estimated today there are 562 cases of unwed mothers on dependent children welfare rolls in Oregon with a monthly cost of more than \$80,000 — or a million dollars per year.

The statistics were released by the governor's office, according to a spokesman, "in response to phone call requests."

The department said the figures do not include costs for illegitimate children receiving general assistance funds or money from foster care appropriations, which are separate accounts.

**1,100 Children Involved**  
 Ten per cent of the aid to dependent children program, the Department said, is for unwed mothers and nearly 1,100 children are involved. Average case figures show \$80,928 per month, the report said.

The report followed criticism last week of Gov. Mark Hatfield by Oregon Democratic Chairman Robert Straub for Hatfield's mention of the possibility of sterilization of unwed mothers on welfare.

**Dr. Casterline on Board of Examiners**  
 Salem-Gov. Mark Hatfield reappointed Dr. Ray L. Casterline, Medford, to the state board of medical examiners. Dr. Casterline has been on the board since January of last year when he was named to replace Dr. E. E. Durno, also of Medford.

**FRIDAY MEETING**  
 Ashland — The board of directors of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8:00 a.m. Friday to discuss the budget as well as several other projects.



**STUDENTS SPRAYED** — Firemen spray water on students displaying a huge pure Castro banner as President Eisenhower waves to cheering crowds as he drives past a school in Montevideo, Uruguay, today. —(UPI Radiotelephoto)

## Uruguay Police Douse Anti-Ike Demonstrators

Montevideo, Uruguay — (UPI) — Police brought up fire hoses and fired tear gas today against left wing students attempting to demonstrate against President Eisenhower. The tear gas fumes reached the President's car and he put his hands to his face and ducked his head.

The incident was the only jarring note in the wildest, most enthusiastic reception he has received on his South American tour.

Uruguay is the last stop of his four-nation trip. The President arrived by plane from Santiago, Chile, early this afternoon and was driven through the city to showers of confetti and the cheers of crowds that ran into hundreds of thousands.

The fire hoses and tear gas were brought into play when left wing students atop the administration building of the Federal Agricultural College unfurled a sign reading, "Yankee imperialists go home." They threw rocks at police and firemen who put ladders up to drive them off.

The police measures were effective and the students were unable to stage any disturbances worthy of the means.

After easy-going ceremonies at the airport, marked by friendliness and a marked absence of tommygun-carrying troops, Eisenhower zipped off on a 22-mile procession into the heart of the city and a greeting that grew in warmth and volume all the way.

It reached a climax when his motorcade stopped at the obelisk for him to receive Montevideo's Medal of Honor.

**Weight Mile Taxes Enrich Road Fund**  
 Salem — (UPI) — The public Utility Commission said today that the state highway fund was enriched last year by \$14,129,460 through collection by the PUC of weight mile taxes.

Collections totaled \$15,378,916 in 1959, the highest since the tax was levied and a hike of 15.3 per cent over 1958.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said that the PUC now collects more tax for highway use by motor carrier truck operators in one month than the department collected for the entire year of 1959.

Receipts from out-of-state carriers increased 8.77 per cent in 1959, he said.

**PETITIONS FILED**  
 Petitions have been filed for Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democrat, on the ballot as presidential candidate, according to the elections department. The petitions filed in the county elections department contained 72 signatures.

Hollywood — (UPI) — Universal-International Studio settled its contract dispute with the Screen Actors Guild Tuesday night.

## Bruce Hitt Not To Consider County Job

Bruce S. Hitt, assistant county school superintendent, stated today that he is considering other plans for the coming year and does not "wish to consider any position in the county office for the next year."

As a major step in trimming the county school budget Hitt's position as assistant county school superintendent was eliminated Tuesday night by the rural school board.

The recommendation was made by the county school budget committee.

The budget committee reaffirmed a salary of \$7,200 a year for the newly created position of administrative assistant to the county school superintendent. This, basically, will combine the functions of both former positions.

The county school budget committee is expected to act later in the week in fixing the details of the "tight" budget submitted by the superintendent's office.

## Two Men Arrested For Burglary

Robert Gene Seguin, 22, of 1125 West 10th st., and Jerald Deeman Couch, 21, of 31 North Grape st., were jailed by city police early today on charges of burglary.

The two men were taken into custody about 1:30 a.m. after police entered Boyd's Coffee warehouse, 712 South Grape st., to investigate a possible break and entry.

Officers were called to the warehouse by a resident near the building who reported that he heard breaking glass and saw two men cross his yard.

The building owner, James A. Elliott, 715 South Holly st., unlocked the building door for police, who found the two men hiding in a closed room. They were unarmed.

Police said entry had been made by reaching through a broken window and releasing a lock. The men told officers they were looking for beer.



**EDWIN H. TAYLOR**  
 Seeks Commissioner Job

## Edwin H. Taylor Files for Post

Edwin H. Taylor, 69, of Route 2, box 285, Table Rock rd., Central Point, has filed as a Democratic candidate for county commissioner.

Taylor, who has lived in Jackson county his entire life, owned and operated the Taylor Maid Pickle factory for several years.

He was a member of the original non-high school county board and served from 1933 through 1952. He is a past master of the Applegate Grange and is now president of the Farm Bureau.

Taylor served overseas in World War I.

He makes his home with his wife, Mildred. The couple have three children.

He is the second Democrat to file for county commissioner. Incumbent Ralph James filed for the position last month.

**WEATHER**  
**FORECAST:** Considerable cloudiness tonight and Thursday with occasional light showers or snow flurries and a few clearing periods. Low tonight 25. High Thursday 48.

Highest Yesterday — 37  
 Lowest this Morning — 33  
 Prec. to 10 a.m. Today, Trace.

**Our Skies Tonight**  
 Sunset today — 6:33 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow — 6:54 a.m.  
 Moonset tonight — 11:28 p.m.  
 First Quarter — March 5

**PROMINENT STARS**  
 The Pleiades, above the Moon.  
 VISIBLE PLANETS  
 Jupiter, low in south-east — 4:10 a.m.  
 Saturn, low in south-east — 5:22 a.m.  
 Mars, rises — 5:48 a.m.  
 Venus, rises — 6:01 a.m.

## Registration Rally Scheduled Thursday

A pre-primary registration rally will be held Thursday, March 3, at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Point grade school gymnasium by the Democratic party.

County residents may attend the rally to find out if they are registered correctly so they may vote in the May 20 primary. Deadline for registering is April 19 at 5 p.m.

W. E. Davies, Eagle Point, announced that the precinct lists of registered voters for the county's 113 precincts will be available.

Several persons will speak at the rally including Robert E. Duncan, Medford, speaker of the house of representatives.

It was reported that only 65 per cent of Jackson county's potential of 48,745 voters are registered.

## Brown Asks End Of Death Penalty

Sacramento, Calif. — (UPI) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown asked a reluctant legislature today to abolish the death penalty in California.

The governor in a 1,500-word special message to the lawmakers made no mention of Caryl Chessman, the convict - a u r - sex criminal whose long-delayed execution has touched off a world-wide debate over capital punishment.

But responsible legal authorities in the capitol said that if the legislature adopted Brown's proposal, the courts undoubtedly would spare the life of Chessman and 20 other men on San Quentin prison's death row plus one woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan, convicted murderess.



## Reorganization Plan for Phoenix District May Be Reviewed by State Board of Education on March 9

Phoenix — The reorganization plan for the Phoenix administrative school district, now consisting of Talent and Phoenix school districts, will probably be reviewed by the state board of education on March 9, D. W. Patch, state director of school district reorganization, said at a hearing in Phoenix last night.

The Jackson county organization committee will be notified of the board's action the next day, Patch said. If the plan is approved, an election of school board members for the new administrative district will then be called immediately. County School Superintendent Alf B. Mekvold explained. He added that it takes at least 20 days to post and advertise the election, which means it will be held probably the first of April.

It would be possible to hold an election on both the school board and the annual school levy. Talent and Phoenix voters will vote on all district

representing three zones in Talent and four in Phoenix. After July 1 boundary changes are possible, but not now while the reorganization plan for the Phoenix administrative district is up for consideration, Patch reported.

Frank Van Dyke, Medford lawyer, announced he represents 119 resident property owners in the area around Barnett rd. within the Medford city boundaries yet located in the Phoenix school district. These property owners want their area transferred into the Medford school district, he reiterated. The attorney added that he realized boundary changes are not possible at this time, but he was merely making his statement for the record.

Patch had to prod his audience of 55 persons into questions or remarks. The meeting was in sharp contrast to the hearings held before Phoenix and Talent districts were consolidated after two heated elections last year.

Mrs. Bertha Gammill, a Phoenix area resident who opposed the consolidation, filed suit as a result of the second election charging that it was illegal to hold an election after the issue had been voted down during the first one. She has since dropped the suit, according to the district attorney's office.

Patch said if the state board disapproved the reorganization proposal it has 60 days in which to notify the local reorganization committee. Such disapproval must give clear reasons for rejecting the plan. He explained that consolidation of the two districts has been taken care of already. The board is not concerned with that, he said. The problem is to change the newly created school district into an administrative district defined as a unified district providing education for grades 1 through 12.

A number of the audience, including Ashland Attorney Ben Lombard representing the Phoenix district patrons, and Attorney Van Dyke said they favor the plan and hoped the state board would approve it.

Mark (Red) Norton, Phoenix resident and owner of a Phoenix retail lumber yard, asked if the Rogue Valley Manor now being constructed in the Barnett rd. area had anything to do with the proposal to bring that area into Medford. A year or so ago nobody wanted that area, he remarked. Keith Hocker-smith, reorganization committee chairman, said this would be discussed at the next meeting of the reorganization committee.

In closing the meeting, which lasted less than an hour, Patch said all the reorganization committees in the state have done excellent jobs from the time they were organized in 1957.

"These people are not paid, and I feel that this type of civic responsibility is commendable," he concluded.