



RIDER INJURED—Police and passersby give first aid to Edwin Houghton, 21, of Quincy, Mass., as he lies injured on Soldiers Field Road near Harvard University stadium in Boston, after being hurled from his motorbike, foreground.

A jacket lashed to the rear of the bike became entwined in the rear wheel and jammed it. Houghton suffered multiple cuts and bruises of the face and arms. (UPI)

Branch Box Offices Open for Festival

Ashland - Twenty-six branch box offices in Oregon and northern California will again offer Oregon Shakespearean Festival patrons reservation service.

The 1962 network, now in operation, links key population centers from Portland to Palo Alto, maintaining a direct telephone wire contact between each location and the theater's central box office in Ashland.

Now in its fifth season, the auxiliary box office system has become popular with the Festival's audience members.

According to General Manager William Patton, ticket orders placed through branch agencies have gained steadily since the plan was launched in 1958. Each of the offices is located in a prominent business firm, allowing the patron to combine ticket procurement with a regular shopping trip. The local agent, by using the direct telephone circuit, can immediately determine the best seating availabilities for all performances.

The 22d season at America's First Elizabethan theater begins July 2. Performances continue nightly through Sept. 2.

Rotating on the main bill are "Comedy of Errors," "Henry IV, Part II," "As You Like It," and "Coriolanus." A special dance-music production, "A Thieves Ballad," joins the schedule Aug. 6 following each subsequent performance of "Comedy of Errors."

Recess Called In Railway Talks

Chicago - (UPI) - Work rules talks between the nation's railroads and five on-train unions were in recess today while a federal mediator left town to make a speech.

Leverett Edwards, chairman of the National Mediation Board, Wednesday called the one-day break in order to address the convention of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen at Colorado Springs, Colo., today.

Edwards entered the dispute last month after the carriers walked out of negotiations on proposals made by a presidential commission to overhaul work rules.

After meeting with Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg, the parties agreed to mediation of the issues, including

one recommendation that eventually would eliminate the jobs of some 41,000 firemen allegedly "featherbedding" on diesel engines. The unions represent more than 200,000 workers.

It was believed the bargainers were discussing pay scales rather than the work rules issue.

Earlier this week, Roy E. Davidson, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, warned the carriers not to introduce any commission proposals unilaterally.

"If any railroad puts into effect any part of the presidential railroad commission's recommendations arbitrarily, I'll guarantee that carrier won't be running."

GETTING GALS DOWN
Indianapolis, Ind. - (UPI) - Doctors have prescribed pills for two young women who work in the new 25-story city-county office building. The gals - elevator operators - were afflicted by motion sickness.

Motoring America Riding on Time Bomb, Expert Explains

By RAY FARKAS
United Press International
Washington - (UPI) - Motoring America is riding a time bomb which could explode into federal control over the every-day act of driving.

The bomb is fused to go off when the annual death toll hits 40,000.

The fallout could include, hopefully, traffic safety con-

A test of traffic safety attitudes, prepared for United Press International by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Are you willing to believe that you are as likely to have an accident as anyone else?

Do you tell your best friend that he deserved the traffic ticket he got for speeding when he complains about the "injustice of it all?"

Do you refuse a cocktail because you are driving, and do you call a cab for a friend who has had too many?

Are you willing to admit you make mistakes in traffic; that you drive by habit; that your attention wanders while you're driving?

Are you willing to go to a school board meeting and say you are for driver education and that you are willing to pay for it?

Do you go to the chief executive of the organization you work for and recommend that the company help support your community safety council?

Are you willing to go to a city council meeting and stand up to say you believe the police force should be expanded even if the tax rate must be increased to pay for it?

Do you urge your company to take a strong public stand on an enforcement measure that your city or country needs for traffic safety?

Do you make a conscientious effort to observe the posted speed limits - even on "open" stretches of highway and on freeways?

consciousness. Federal licensing and federal policing are distinct possibilities, along with more federal money for traffic safety projects.

These hopeful and doleful opinions belong to Norman Damon, who has been at traffic safety about as long as the brake pedal. Damon, now vice president of the Automotive Safety Foundation (ASF), has been in the traffic safety business 32 years. He helped organize the ASF, which was 25 years old this month.

Damon's own driving record is testimony to the fact that the highways are becoming more dangerous. In 25 years of driving, he has been involved in two accidents - both in the last five years and neither of them his fault, he said.

In an interview with United Press International, Damon called the 40,000-death mark the "magic or, rather, tragic" point at which the public and the government will wake up to what's happening on the highways, now being traveled by more than 75 million vehicles.

There never have been 40,000 traffic deaths in the United States in one year, though it was close in 1933.

Last year, traffic took more than 38,000 lives.

The present date rate - 5.2 per 100-million miles traveled - coupled with projected increases in licensed drivers (there now are at least 87 million) could add up to the 40,000 figure in the mid-1960s, according to Damon.

He predicted that when this point is reached the federal government will enter the safety picture, now left mostly to the states. Mainly, he said, federal participation would mean more federal money for safety projects, such as aid to driver education.

Damon also sees the possibility of federal driver licensing and federal policing of roads built with federal money.

In the field of licensing, federal or state - he hopefully predicts tighter testing. He compared present driver examinations to what was once said of the military draft: "They touch you, you're warm, you're in."

High speed and night driving checks would be included in his driving test. He also favors driver re-examination, similar to a system in use in Pennsylvania. It is based on accident and violation frequencies and is mandatory for drivers 65 years of age and over.

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that goes on when the speed limit is broken.

A metal ball on a golf tee-like gadget on the dashboard. The ball clicks into a cup when the car goes around a curve too fast.

A box of nails mounted near the front wheels which spills and flattens the tires at excessive speeds.

The main hope for safer roadways, Damon said, lies with the average driver, who he says, is "sincerely trying to operate safely, but isn't, though he thinks he is."

Having watched more than 25 years of traffic safety pleas fall many times on deaf or indifferent ears, Damon professed he is "not optimistic enough to think voluntary traffic safety will sweep the land." But come the 40,000 death figure, he said, "We're going to be forced to do something."

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Hearing Set on Fire District Petition

A public hearing on withdrawal of the Lampman rd. area from the Rogue River Rural Fire district will be held at 2 p.m. July 25, the Jackson county court has announced.

Residents of that area declared that their properties are too far from Rogue River, where fire equipment is kept, to be served adequately.

County Clerk Marvin Madden said he has received a deposit of \$55 to cover the costs of a fire district election. Petitions also have been received by the county clerk.

The hearing will be held in the county court room. Following the hearing, the county court may set an election date.

IWA Officials Talk Strike Action

Portland - (UPI) - Officials of the International Woodworkers of America continued to meet today to discuss possible strike action against lumber employers.

The union, as well as the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, has asked a 30-cent hourly pay increase. Employers have said they cannot afford it.

The contracts opened this year for wages only. IWA's region three has nearly 30,000 members.

Company Actors to Attend Luncheon

Ashland - The Ashland Chamber of Commerce will host Shakespearean Festival scholarship holders at its luncheon meeting Tuesday, the final meeting prior to a two month summer hiatus.

Next Tuesday's luncheon will start at noon at the Mark Antony. The weekly luncheons will then recess until September.

At this week's meeting, Norris Porter presented a program on his Alpine log business in Talent. Porter's firm manufactures Alpine logs from fir wood for construction of building walls.

A majority of the logs are being used in construction of permanent residences, Porter said. However, they have also been used in cabins, children's playhouses, motel units, an airport hangar and even a monkey house.

Porter wound up his presentation by demonstrating how a small section of wall can be assembled with the logs and parts his firm makes.

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