

Eastern Oregon Air Crash Survivor Fulfills Promise

Fresno, Calif. — (UPI) — When Pat Davis glides on the dance floor, walks along the golf links or dips into a swimming pool, she is fulfilling a promise she made five years ago in Oregon.

Pat, an attractive blonde, vowed to resume these activities after suffering severe frostbite injuries while waiting three days for rescue on a snow-covered mountain following a plane crash. She lost the left leg below the knee and has only a grafted 3 1/2-inch section of her right foot.

A small aircraft, piloted by her husband, band leader Bruce Davis, crashed during a snow storm in four feet of snow at the 6,200 foot elevation on Mt. Aldrich in Central Oregon. The couple was en route from Fresno to Spokane.

Pat suffered a fractured pelvis, severe bruises and abrasions. Her husband was forced to leave her to seek help.

Davis made a lean-to and bundled her in spare clothing. He struggled 25 miles through the deep snow drifts to the nearest community although he suffered two broken ribs in the crash.

"I don't remember much," Pat says of her rescue wait. "I laughed, I sang, I talked to myself, I cried and I prayed a little."

An Air Force helicopter removed her to a John Day, Ore., hospital where she spent three months.

Altogether, Pat has had 14 operations on her legs since the crash. Her hands also were frozen white on the mountain and the feeling only came back completely 18 months ago.

But the spunky 40-year-old mother of two teen-age children has refused to become discouraged despite the almost constant pain.

"There is no middle road with me — I can be happy or

get depressed — and I like it better smiling through," she says.

Naturally, her injuries have required a change in the style

of her activities. "When I swim I have to scoot out into the water and scoot back," she explains. "All the movement has to be done

with the arms." In dancing, Pat, who limps slightly, has to move with the pressure on the heel of her right foot. However, she

has danced the twist with her husband at a motel where his band performs.

Although the aerial accident was frightening, Pat hasn't

grounded herself. The Davises have purchased two aircraft since the crash and Pat often takes the controls during flights.

HOT CAR
Ventura, Calif. — (UPI) — Salvador Valdiva had the hottest car in town Wednesday. Valdiva, 45, escaped uninjured when his sports car caught fire, but the heat melted the car's fiberglass body.



DUCHESS DIVORCED — The Duchess of Argyll is shown as she arrived in court in Edinburgh, Scotland, for a session on the divorce suit filed by her husband, the Duke of Argyll. A judge ended Britain's most sensational divorce case of the decade by granting the Duke, 60, a divorce after testimony that the Duchess, 50, committed adultery with at least three men. (UPI)

Epilepsy Victim More Handicapped by Attitudes

Portland — "Epilepsy is the only common disorder in which the victim is more handicapped by the attitudes of society than by his disability," according to Richard Braman, president of the Epilepsy League of Oregon.

"Epilepsy is one of the oldest disorders known to man," Braman continued.

In recent years doctors have learned much about epilepsy and how to treat it. The epileptic seizure is only a sign of what is wrong. The trouble is an irritation of some of the nerve cells, or "neurons" of the brain. The irritated cells can be compared to a gun with a sensitive trigger, for it takes only a slight impulse to stimulate them. The resulting seizure has been likened to a temporary electrical storm in the brain, Braman said.

One in Every Hundred

It is known that epilepsy affects at least one person in every hundred, which makes it about as common as diabetes, and, like diabetes, it can be treated. Non-habit forming drugs can control, or dramatically reduce, seizures in eight out of ten cases. Hence most epileptics can attend school in regular classes, get and hold productive jobs, marry and have children.

But, if the epileptic is to have an opportunity to lead a normal life, teachers, employers and co-workers, as well as family and friends must have up to date knowledge and understanding of his disorder, Braman noted.

Education about the true nature of epilepsy is the primary objective of the Epilepsy League of Oregon, located at 317 SW Alder st., Portland. Through use of films, pamphlets, exhibits and speakers, it provides information to dispel the stigma and misunderstanding long associated with the disorder.

The League also serves as a center of information about

community sources of direct service to epileptics and their families. It is approved by the Oregon State Medical Society, and is financed primarily by the annual United Good Neighbor campaign in the greater Portland area. However, its services are available to individuals and groups throughout the state.

Interested persons help support the League's work by paying two dollar annual membership fees which include a subscription to the bi-monthly bulletin "Epilepsy Speaks." Mrs. Charles Mansfield is the executive director.

Korean Conflict Vets Eligible for Dividend

Portland — About 1,700 Korea Conflict veterans in Oregon have about five months remaining in which to take advantage of approximately \$198,000 in special insurance dividends to be paid to those exchanging "RS" term insurance policies for policies bearing the letter "W."

This special dividend offer expires Sept. 13, according to R. J. Novotny, manager of the Veterans administration regional office, Portland.

It applies only to Korean Conflict veterans whose insurance policy number is preceded by the letter "RS." No other government life insurance policyholders are eligible.

To get his dividend, the "RS" policyholder must either:

1. Exchange his "RS" term policy for a "W" term policy at, generally, only one-third of the cost he is now paying. Although the term cannot be renewed after age 50, protection can be continued by converting to a low-cost permanent plan insurance policy at any time while the term is in force.

2. Convert the "RS" policy

to a low-cost "W" permanent plan insurance policy now.

If the "RS" policyholder takes either of these steps on or before Sept. 13, he will receive his special dividend. The dividends average about \$100, depending upon the age of the policyholder and the length of time he has held his policy, Novotny said.

About 5,300 Korean Conflict policyholders in Oregon have already changed their "RS" policies to "W" policies. Approximately \$418,000 has been distributed to them in dividends since the bill establishing the dividend became a law Sept. 13, 1961.

Tiny Beads Used On Utah Highways

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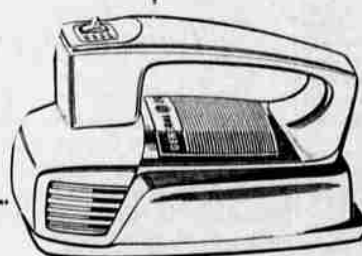
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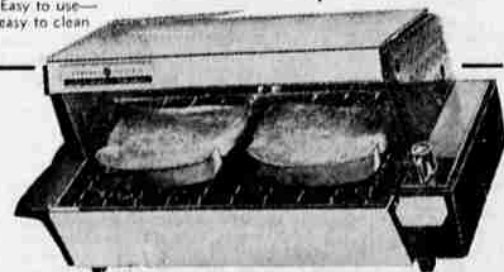
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