

PRODUCTION OF AUTOS RESUMED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ford, Hudson Chrysler Go Back On Job
The clattering fingers of the typewriters carry to us this morning the statement that in the four days from Friday midnight to Tuesday midnight—covering the New Year holiday with its Monday fringe—there were 528 violent deaths in the United States.

The total of 528 includes 247 traffic fatalities and 281 assorted major casualties resulting from train and plane crashes, shootings, stabbings, fires, drownings, explosions, exposures, falls on icy streets and falls sustained in homes (slipping in the bathtub, etc.).

AT first glance, it is a SHOCKING revelation, conjuring up visions of the whole American population GONE UTTERLY MAD and dashing hither and yon in complete reckless disregard of the consequences as reckoned in terms of lives and limbs.

From that, it is only an easy (and wozy) step to picturing ourselves as a nation of addled people held in the grip of the war psychosis and helibent for destruction.

WAIT a minute.
Count to at least TEN before going off the deep end.

Better yet, get out your pencil and do a little figuring.

ONE per cent is one out of a hundred. That is to say, if one per cent of the people of the United States had died violent deaths over the long New Year weekend, it would still have meant that your chance of escaping alive would have been 100-to-1.

A hundred to one isn't a bad bet.

BUT don't stop there.
Go on and figure out that one per cent is one out of a hundred, ten out of a thousand and ten thousand out of a million. Recall then that the best present estimate of the population of the United States is 140 MILLION.

Therefore—**ONE PER CENT** of the population of the United States would amount to 1,400,000 persons.

YET in the four days of this exceptionally long New Year weekend holiday, the collected total of violent deaths amounts as this is written to only 528.

If you are really good at figures, you might try reducing that to a decimal fraction. (This writer isn't good enough, and so won't make the attempt.)

But even the effort of thinking about it will prove to you that 528 violent deaths out of a total population of 140 millions is a VERY SMALL percentage.

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GM Assembly Lines Remain Closed Due To Strike

By DAVID J. WILKIE
DETROIT, Jan. 2 (AP)—Limited production of 1946 model passenger cars was resumed in about half the nation's automobile factories today.

Remaining closed were the strikebound General Motors assembly lines which normally assemble approximately 50 per cent of all cars and trucks made.

Vital Parts
Most of the plants reopening today obtain vital parts like fuel pumps, spark plugs and wiring harnesses from General Motors. They cannot count on accelerating their production volume until the GM strike is settled.

At South Bend, Ind., Studebaker today began shipments of passenger automobiles for the first time since January, 1942. It had planned to begin production last October 1, but was forced to delay assemblies because of a shortage of transmissions obtained from outside suppliers.

Stark Denies Pre-War Tip
By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark said today that an intercepted Tokyo message containing a prewar tip-off on the possibility of an aerial attack on Pearl Harbor was never called to his attention at the time, as far as he can recollect.

Two Skeletons Found In Grave By Klamath River
Possibility that an old-time tragedy may be uncovered was raised this morning when C. W. Batman, route 3, came to the sheriff's office and reported that he had found two skeletons in a shallow grave on the bank of the Klamath river.

Man In Hospital After Car Wreck
Harry A. Coleman, Bonanza truck driver, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from multiple injuries including a fractured thigh said received in an automobile accident early Sunday morning near Bonanza.

Red Troops To Defend Jehol
CHUNGKING, Jan. 2 (AP)—Communists will put up a fight for the inner Mongolian province of Jehol, into which nationalist government troops are pouring, a communist party spokesman said today.

Three Persons Killed In Blast
MALVERN, Ark., Jan. 2 (AP)—Three men were reported dead, two critically burned and another unaccounted for when an explosion rocked a storage tank of the Malvern waterworks system while they were finishing up a tank repair job today.

Fire Destroys WRA Auditorium
TULELAKE, Jan. 2.—A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the high school auditorium at the WRA center here at 4 p. m. Monday but work of fire crews prevented the flames from spreading to adjacent buildings.

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INDIAN FATALLY STABBED

Egbert Smith Knifed During Drunken Fight

Oregon's first killing of the new year came just an hour and a half after 1946 was ushered in and climaxed an Indian New Year's Eve celebration at Beatty, Egbert Hugo Smith, 18-year-old Klamath Indian was stabbed to death in a drunken quarrel and Willard Williams, 29, also a member of the Klamath tribe, is held in the county jail here for federal authorities on a murder charge.

The stabbing occurred at 1:30 a. m. yesterday at the Hazel Hecotta house in Beatty and Smith was dead when Willis Pankey, special Indian officer, reached the scene.

Williams was still in the house and was arrested. He admitted jobbing Smith in the neck with a pocket knife, Pankey said, giving as his reason for the cutting that "Smith had been picking on him."

Officers learned of the cutting when an Indian came to Pankey's house in Beatty and told him that Smith had been hurt at a party at Hazel Hecotta's house and "wasn't doing very well." When Pankey arrived he found Smith lying on the doorstep, dead.

The officer said that there had been considerable heavy drinking at the party and the two men had apparently quarreled over some trivial matter. The knife wound in Smith's throat was very small, the blade of the pocketknife having been pushed straight in, severing his jugular vein.

Smith apparently died of hemorrhage following the cut. An autopsy is to be held this afternoon at Ward's funeral home.

Second Killing
This is the second Indian killing in which Williams has been involved. He was convicted of manslaughter by a federal court in 1934 for killing Charlie Cowan, 17-year-old Modoc, and was sentenced to seven years in a federal penitentiary. That also happened at Beatty when Williams was 19 years old.

Since this latest killing happened on the reservation, the case will be handed over to federal authorities. Williams lives on the reservation and owns a few cattle.

Smith is the son of Lolana Crain and Hugh Elden Beatty, both of whom live at Beatty and are divorced. He is the third son of the couple to die violently in the past two years.

One, Irvin Smith, 23, an MP with the army in France, was killed at Marseilles last October, and Lee Otto Smith, 15, died as a result of accidental gunshot wounds in July, 1944.

Flood Takes Nine Lives; Rivers Drop

Oregon Communities In Midst Of Costly Clean-Up Chore
By The Associated Press
Western Oregon communities were in the midst of a costly clean-up chore today (Wednesday) as flooded rivers which took a toll of nine lives receded to their banks.

The Willamette river, which wrought the heaviest damage, was falling rapidly after its murky crest flowed into the Columbia river without passing flood stage at the river mouth.

Last reported victims of the inundation were Joe Jones, 10, whose body was recovered near Oregon City, and Charles S. Pounds, lineman who tumbled into the McKenzie river while stretching an electric wire across the stream.

Earlier believed victims—though not all the bodies have been recovered—were a retired minister and his employe at Coos Bay; a war veteran; and a family of four whose car struck a washout en route to California.

Damage Reports
Authorities began compiling damage reports and reestablishing families evacuated from the lowlands. The National Red Cross established a central relief office at Springfield, center of the greatest loss.

The Red Cross estimated 75 families in Marion county would need rehabilitation and relief, and nearly 1000 in Lane county. Applications for help were beginning to pile up as residents returned in growing numbers to inspect damage.

Nearly 90 per cent of West Springfield homes were destroyed or damaged, the Red Cross said. Grace Jackson, general field representative from the San Francisco office, arrived on special disaster duty for the Red Cross.

Flood Costly
Damage to farm houses, barns, and livestock will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, agriculture spokesmen estimated. Hop yards in the lower valley were reported hard hit. Scores of poultry flocks are gone; many sheep lost, and cattle strayed.

Damage to farm machinery may seriously cripple crop production or delay farm work this year, county agents reported as they began checking farmers' losses.

Highway crews were busy repairing bridges or erecting temporary spans. Power companies said all lines would be restored within a day or two.

WEATHER
(January 2)
Max. (Jan. 1) 51 Min. 37
Precipitation last 24 hours .02
Stream year to date 7.27
Normal 4.20 Last year 4.68
Forecast: Occasional rain.

Held For Murder



Willard Williams, 29-year-old Klamath Indian and ex-convict, is held in the county jail here for federal authorities after the fatal stabbing of another Indian, 18-year-old Egbert Hugo Smith, during a New Year's Eve party at Beatty. Williams has admitted to Indian Officer Willis Pankey that he stabbed Smith in the throat with a pocketknife.

Mac Quoted As Against Merge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Congressional opponents of an army-navy merger quoted Gen. Douglas MacArthur today as seeing "potential possibilities of disaster" in the unification proposal.

They went back nearly 14 years to get the quotes, but Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee insisted the reasoning behind MacArthur's stand then remains the same today.

MacArthur has since reversed his stand. On November 1, the senate military committee made public his statement to a special army-navy committee that experiences of World War II had "absolutely convinced" him the fighting forces should be consolidated. Furthermore, he said then, there should be only one uniform for all services.

Vinson is one of the leading opponents to President Truman's proposal to consolidate the army and the navy into a single department of national defense. General MacArthur may testify, either in person or by letter, in behalf of the merger when the house expenditures committee starts hearings late this month.

Vinson told a reporter he assumed MacArthur would follow the lead of "the higher echelon" in supporting the merger, despite the opposite position the general took in the past.

Two Hurt When Auto Overtakes
Mr. and Mrs. John Guggie, route 3 box 460, Klamath Falls, suffered injuries which sent them to Klamath Valley hospital early this morning when their car, operated by Mrs. Guggie, skidded on the icy pavement one mile south of Midland on highway 97, and overturned in the ditch.

State police, called to the scene at 8 a. m., said Mrs. Guggie apparently lost control of the machine which was traveling south. The car slid back and forth across the highway several times, officers said, and after taking out a guard post ran off the grade and rolled over into the ditch. Guggie has a badly lacerated left hand and is suffering from shock and Mrs. Guggie has back injuries. M. E. Noblin and Harry Totton, both of route 3 box 993, witnessed the accident and gave aid. The Klamath merchant police ambulance was called.

Motorists Told To Get Licenses
Got yours yet?
Tuesday, January 1, was the deadline for 1946 licenses and stickers, according to the state law and motor vehicle operators were given a last warning to get their licenses and get them quick.

The penalty, also according to law, goes into effect the first day of the new year, and those haled into court will probably get the \$5.50 fine in addition to an order to pay the 1946 fee and quick.

In Triangle Shooting



Capt. Archie B. Miller, 25, of Bellevue, Tex., (left) was arrested on charges of felonious assault after shooting and fatally wounding Capt. Eugene Dale, 27, of Enid, Okla., in the apartment of Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, 24, attractive ex-Powers model (right). Miller broke into his wife's apartment where Mrs. Miller and her sister were talking with Dale and Arthur Gormley. Miller shot three times before he was disarmed. (NEA telephoto.)

Somber Note To Nation's Holiday Celebration Seen As 530 Die Violent Deaths

By The Associated Press
A more somber note to the nation's New Year's holiday celebration was recorded today as the number of deaths from violent causes passed the 500 mark.

A survey across the country showed that at least 530 persons suffered violent deaths from 6 p. m. last Friday to midnight Tuesday. The tabulations listed 245 killed in traffic accidents. The National Safety Council had estimated between 375 and 400 motor fatalities over the holiday period.

The other 282 violent deaths resulted from a variety of causes—plane and train crashes; shootings, stabbings, fires, drownings, explosions, exposure, falls on icy streets and accidents in the home. Two deaths resulting from alcoholism were reported.

Six states, Delaware, Mississippi, Rhode Island, North and South Dakota and Vermont, reported no violent deaths during the four-day period. One fatality was listed in Wyoming.

States leading in the toll were Pennsylvania with 46; Texas and New York each with 41 and Illinois 39. Of the Illinois total, 31 were in Chicago and suburbs. The violent death toll by states, listing traffic and miscellaneous:

Alabama 2-8; Arizona 4-1; Arkansas 5-8; California 20-11; Colorado 4-2; Connecticut 1-19; Florida 2-1; Georgia 5-0; Idaho 3-2; Illinois 19-20; Indiana 12-5;

Iowa 8-5; Kansas 1-4; Kentucky 2-5; Louisiana 2-5; Maine 3-0; Maryland 6-2; Massachusetts 7-7; Michigan 18-11; Minnesota 7-1; Missouri 7-3; Montana 1-0; Nebraska 1-8; Nevada 0-2; New Hampshire 3-0; New Jersey 5-8; New Mexico 1-4; New York 18-25; North Carolina 5-0; Ohio 7-18; Oklahoma 4-6; Oregon 2-18; Pennsylvania 49-17; South Carolina 5-3; Tennessee 4-9; Texas 14-27; Utah 3-4; Virginia 1-7; Washington 6-0; West Virginia 2-4; Wisconsin 2-9; Wyoming 0-1; District of Columbia 1-2.

2 New Years Day Babies Born Here
Two New Year's day babies and one born just 15 minutes before the old year ended, were reported by Klamath Falls hospitals today.

Both New Year's day infants were born at Klamath Valley hospital. It was a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Ace Godsey of 2520 S. 6th, and a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Ethel J. Meador, Sprague River. The Godsey girl tipped scales at 8 pounds 12 ounces, outweighing her fellow nursery mate who weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces.

The New Year's eve baby arrived at Hillsdale hospital at 11:45 p. m., December 31, a girl for Mr. and Mrs. William J. Burnett of route 1, Bonanza.

Yank 'Trouble-Maker' Put To Death By Jap Guards
By DUANE HENNESSY
YOKOHAMA, Jan. 2 (AP)—A Japanese interpreter testified today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Kel Yuri that the former commander of Omuta prison camp decreed "James Pavlokos shall die"—and he did after being starved and tortured.

Pavlokos was a U. S. marine corporal from Chicago. The interpreter, Harakichi Oi, also pointed to the defendant as the commandant who ordered a score of assembled guards to bayonet to death Pvt. Near C. Heard of Salinas, Calif.—but he said Yuri strictly forbade bayoning of prisoners. Depositions of two American officers also said Yuri ordered Heard's execution, and they told of secretly witnessing it.

Oi said Pavlokos was a consistent trouble-maker "who acted like a tyrant. Nine or 12 American prisoners wrote us notes—some on cigarette packages, some on toilet tissue—asking that Pavlokos be transferred to another camp. It is a shame to say it, but it is true that at least two of them said, 'please kill him.'"

The interpreter testified that Pavlokos was confined two days upon the report of a navy lieutenant and an American sergeant that he had stolen food. Pavlokos was put to work in a coal mine but caused trouble and was sentenced to five more days in the guardhouse. When he was assigned to kitchen duty so that Japanese could watch him, other prisoners protested.

The interpreter said he heard Yuri ask Lieutenant Murao, the camp doctor, if he knew of any injection that would leave no symptoms of poison. The doctor replied he knew of one. Then, said Oi, Yuri declared "James Pavlokos shall die."

The depositions, taken from Army Lt. Owen W. Romaine of Fort Thomas, Ky., and John H. Allen of St. Paul, Minn., were radioed from the United States. They told how American prisoners secreted themselves in an empty building and watched as Japanese bayonets ripped repeatedly into Heard's abdomen, back and throat until his cries were stifled.

Oi, who saw Heard's execution, testified that at least 20 guards took part. He said that a Colonel Sugawara, Japanese army area commander, became angry when he learned of the execution.

Fire Destroys WRA Auditorium
TULELAKE, Jan. 2.—A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the high school auditorium at the WRA center here at 4 p. m. Monday but work of fire crews prevented the flames from spreading to adjacent buildings. Although the loss had not been surveyed today, the school plant was constructed at a cost of approximately \$64,000. The structure was a total loss.

The school at Newell had been closed for some time, officials said. There were no occupants in the building and no records were housed in the auditorium.

Hirohito Raps Divinity Myth

TOKYO, Jan. 2 (AP)—Emperor Hirohito, in a surprise renunciation of the myth that he is divine, started the new year with a bold gamble to hold his position before anticipated fresh international attacks.

His unprecedented New Year's Day receipt also frowned upon "radical tendencies" in an event play for the people's support against Japanese communists, who advocated his overthrow.

Further, the document stung the government lightly but definitely for dilatoriness in solving problems of livelihood. In that, it indicated the emperor's continued interest in political affairs.

General MacArthur promptly applauded the streamlined and unusually straightforward receipt. He said it propelled Hirohito into "a leading part in the democratization of his people."

This timing indicates that occupation authorities knew in advance the general outlines of the receipt and were ready with unusually swift comment. However, it is understood that court officials undertook the renunciation without allied prompting.

Dog Poisoning Clouds New Year For Little Boy
It isn't a happy new year for Ronnie Buchanan.

The little 6-year-old boy was grieving today over the loss of his dog, the victim of a poisoner.

Ronnie received the dog as a birthday present. The two were bosom pals for a year. When he called the dog on New Year's day, there was no response. He found the body, lying in a neighbor's yard, and a veterinarian found strychnine in the dog's stomach.

Ronnie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan, 2151 Vine street.