

# COAL SHUTDOWN HELD CERTAIN

## In The Day's News

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FROM 6 p. m. Thursday until Sunday midnight, there were 248 reported deaths in automobile accidents throughout the nation. The National Safety Council had expected 275.

If the traffic death toll stays UNDER the expected figure it will be interesting as indicating the possible passing of the what-the-hell attitude that seems to follow for several years the end of great wars. The older generation will recall that such a frame of mind followed the last war and caused us all a lot of worry while it lasted.

IN Oregon only two traffic deaths were reported for the holiday period. There were three drownings and a fatal gun accident.

That, too, may be significant. Oregon is one of the more sensible of the states, so it might reasonably be expected that the what-the-hell attitude would pass more quickly here.

CALIFORNIA led the nation in 4th of July fatalities with New York and Pennsylvania close behind. That isn't surprising. California, New York and Pennsylvania are the nation's most populous states.

CALIFORNIA'S inclusion among the BIG states holds great significance for us out here. Always in the past the West has been at the far end of a long haul to market.

No we got less for what we had to sell and paid more for what we had to buy. ("Slightly higher in the Far West" has long been a common statement in naming prices.) With the growth of population in the West, that unfavorable situation is coming to an end.

We already have big local markets at our own doors.

THE amazing growth of California is particularly important to the future of Southern Oregon because it insures a market for everything we can produce. In the past, lack of markets has been our greatest handicap.

IN Washington this week a unified military establishment is one of the hot issues. It has been talked for a couple of years, but is just now coming to a head.

Senator Gurney of South Dakota says on the senate floor this morning that what people want to know is "how much in dollars and cents" (Continued on Page 7, Column 4)

WEATHER	
Max. (July 6)	81 Min. 46
Precipitation last 24 hours	0.00
Stream year to date	19.33
Last year	12.94 Normal 32.81
Forecast: Fair today, cloudy Tuesday.	

# Herald and News

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## One Killed, Many Hurt In Accidents

One highway fatality and numerous injuries in both highway and non-highway mishaps constituted Klamath's contribution to the Independence week-end accident toll.

Mrs. Maxine Elliott Alexander, 34, a resident of Kirk, died at Klamath Valley hospital Sunday from injuries received in an automobile accident on one mile north of Klamath Agency at 1:30 p. m. Saturday.

Glenn Roger Smith, 29, Mowich, was injured in a 1947 Auto in the same crash and is a fatality in the local hospital.

State police said that Mrs. Alexander was driving the car, which turned over after passing a car driven by Lewis Adams of Dayville, Ore. Adams told the police that Mrs. Alexander cut in closely on him, causing him to drive off on the right shoulder of the road.

The Alexander car swerved from the right to left shoulders, and as she lost control, it overturned and rolled down the middle of the highway.

Swerving Over Road  
Police said that Adams had passed the Alexander car only a short time previously. Arthur L. LeGault, Portland, who was following the machine driven by Mrs. Alexander, said it appeared to be swerving erratically on the highway prior to the accident.

Mrs. Alexander, a recent arrival from California, had been staying with relatives at Kirk. Police said she was using a car belonging to a relative, and that Smith had apparently gotten in the car at Fort Klamath.

Boys Injured  
Two boys were painfully injured and narrowly escaped death late Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding plunged down a 100-foot embankment on the

## Ranch In Critical Condition

Melvin Larson, 33-year-old employe of the Hunt ranch in the Spring lake district, is in an extremely critical condition at Klamath Valley hospital with a fractured skull and brain damage which police say is the result of a fight early this morning at 2305 Oregon avenue.

He did the city jail on an open charge is Wayne A. Fetters, 33, of the Oregon avenue address. Witnesses to the fight were taken before District Attorney Clarence A. Humble this morning, but Humble said that no charge had been placed against Fetters yet.

Larson was unconscious when he was brought to the hospital by ambulance about 1:30 today, and was still unconscious at noon.

A physician at the hospital said that the man's condition is extremely grave and that he planned to operate this afternoon to take out some of the crushed skull and remove pressure from the brain.

According to the report of investigating city police officers, Larson was hit in the forehead just at the hairline by a pair of cowboy boots during a fight, allegedly with Fetters.

The fight, witnesses said, started in the house and continued out on the porch. When police arrived on the scene Larson was unconscious, lying in the roadway in front of the house.

Fetters was arrested on the scene and taken to the city jail. Police said that the witnesses to the affair were Elbert Sanders, 329 McLean; Jack Ward, 534 Torrey, and Mrs. Fetters.

## Medford Youth Killed By Shot

MEDFORD, Ore., July 7 (AP)—Claude Warren Tysver, 14, was killed yesterday in the family barn where he and his brothers had been target shooting.

Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris said the gun apparently went off as Claude laid it on a box. He was alone at the time.

## Lakeview Rider Takes Bronc Honor

Top hands in the money were Ross Dollarhide and Casey Davis in the three-day 1947 Klamath Basin rodeo celebration which went over with few hitches, no serious accidents and a lot of lively entertainment.

Other rodeo hands adding to their fame were Dick Hemstead, Bob Woolery, Fred Barry, Les Hurdes, Ashbury Schell and Holloway Grace, who were outstanding among many who made a better than average showing.

Tough breaks on the first day of the show sent six men to the hospital to be treated for fractures, bruises and contusions, eliminating them from further events.

Stiff competition among experienced rodeo hands for the purses was apparent, some of the cowboys entering several events to make their trip here pay off.

Bright blue skies and a fresh breeze made for perfect rodeo weather and coupled with a well worked out program that clicked on schedule and the full cooperation of the community, this year's western show was a pronounced success.

Young Ross Dollarhide of Lakeview took a good chunk of the \$1000 purse, the largest offered, winning the finals for the saddle bronc ride and taking first day money two days, the 4th on Black Widow with 292 points and on the 6th on Golden Rule with 285 points. He split second with Fred Barry on the 5th. Each had 218 points on this day.

Hemstead Fifth  
Dick Hemstead took first for the 5th, making 220 points on Dark Hour. Entry fees added to the remaining \$100 of the purse was paid in the finals, with Barry scoring second and Hemstead third. Vic Matney who qualified for the final ride was unable to contest due to injuries received in the previous bull ride. The entrance fee was \$25. Casey Davis of Cheyenne, Wyo., (Continued on Page 7, Column 2)

## Leave Pay Bill Passed By House

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—Legislation permitting an estimated 9,000,000 ex-GIs to cash their terminal pay bonds after next September 1 was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate.

The house action followed assertions by republicans and democrats alike that congress should have permitted cash payment in the first place, when it enacted the terminal pay law last year. Officers have been paid in cash for the leave time they were unable to obtain while in service.

The 1946 law requires recipients of the bonds to hold them for five years and makes them non-negotiable.

Treasury officials have estimated there are \$1,800,000,000 in bonds outstanding and told the house armed services committee the effect of cashing them now might be inflationary.

The new legislation would make it optional, not mandatory, for holders of the bonds to cash them through local banks after September 1. Those who elected to retain them would continue to draw two and one-half per cent interest.

## Ford Foremen Go In Today End Strike

DETROIT, July 7 (AP)—Some 3000 Ford Motor company foremen returned to their jobs today after voting to end a 47-day strike that saw loss of their union's bargaining rights.

Nearly 3800 members of the Foremen's Association of America (Ind.) in Ford's Detroit area, Rouge, Lincoln and Highland Park plants walked out May 21 in a dispute over a new contract, demanding exclusive bargaining rights for company foremen.

In recent weeks, however, many of them left their posts in picket lines to return to work. Company and union officials agreed the number reached about 800.

## Fire Trucks Kept Busy

Several calls of unusual nature kept the Klamath Falls fire department busy over the three-day 4th of July holiday. Sunday, July 5, the fire department received a call from residents to remove a white pelican from the telephone wires at Prospect and Upham. The pelican, flying too low, had become entangled in the wires and had tangled itself. Also on Sunday, the department sent trucks to the Baldwin hotel when someone reported that the hotel roof was on fire. The call, apparently placed by a practical joker, was a false alarm.

A grass fire on Pacific Terrace was reported Saturday but was soon extinguished by the department.

Fire trucks were called to 125 N. 5th Friday. A small fire had apparently been started by a cigarette discarded near the wall of the building. There was minor damage before the fire was put out. A small fire was caused by an overloaded gas plate at 121 S. 6th Friday. Minor damage was reported.

## 2-Hour Meters Go In Today

Two-hour parking meters on Pine and Klamath streets went into effect today, the clockwork in several of the meters being slowed down so it takes two hours for the red plate to cover the white dial and signify overtime parking.

To park for two hours in the designated areas will cost 10 cents. The meters are on Pine and Klamath between 4th and 5th, and on Pine between 10th and 11th.

Police Chief Orville Hamilton said that the gadgets were rigged so that they would take two nickels, or five pennies and one nickel, provided the pennies are put in first. The meters will not register the pennies after a nickel has been deposited. Neither will they take dimes.

## Last-Minute Legal Tangle Slows Peace

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—A strike of at least 60 per cent of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners appears inevitable tomorrow as the wage pact which was to lead the way to peace in the bituminous fields bogged down in last-minute legal tangles.

The other 40 per cent of the industry may also be strike-bound Tuesday, when the miners' ten-day vacation is due to end, if the race to complete a contract for the Northern and steel company "captive" mines is lost.

A tentative agreement on general terms was reached last Wednesday but this contract must be completed before: (a) coal mine owners of the South, Midwest and Far West can determine whether they want to or can—buy peace at the same price; (b) Lewis will even talk about an agreement with anyone else.

The legal snarl therefor was not only delaying the Northern-steel company settlement perilously near the strike deadline, but it had all but wiped out any hope of getting agreements for the remainder of the industry in time to bring the miners from other areas back into the pits by the first shifts at midnight tonight. The "captive" mines produce coal only for steel making.

Legal Protection  
Some operators said Lewis was demanding legal protection against any future strikes under the Taft-Hartley labor law, and that the industry representatives working on the Northern-steel pact had balked.

Because the new act would permit the coal companies to sue the United Mine Workers for any breach of contract, Lewis is said to have insisted on a provision stating the miners need work only when they are "willing and able."

Otherwise the tentative agreement negotiated by Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel corporation, and George M. Humphrey, chairman of the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal company, is reported to contain these general terms:

1. The daily pay for an inside day miner is set at \$13.05 for eight hours underground, with no premium pay for portal-to-portal travel but with the basic hourly rate hiked from \$1.18 1/2 to \$1.63. The miner actually would work only six and one-half hours. Thirty minutes would be allowed for lunch and one hour to get to and from the mine opening underground. This worker got \$11.85 for a nine-hour day under the government.

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## Tax Cut Vote Due Tuesday

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP)—The house rules committee kept the new income tax reduction bill on its fast timetable today, sending it to the house floor for two hours of debate and expected passage tomorrow.

The bill, proposing income tax cuts ranging from 10.5 to 30 per cent starting next January 1, is identical, except for effective date, to the one vetoed last month by President Truman. The effective date of the vetoed bill would have been July 1, 1947.

No Amendments  
The rules committee ordered that no amendments except those sponsored by the ways and means committee, which drafted the bill, shall be considered. The ways and means group has some clarifying and corrective changes to propose.

The house republican leadership, confident it can override another veto, has scheduled the bill for passage tomorrow. The senate also plans early action, possibly by the week-end.

BODY FOUND  
PORTLAND, July 7 (AP)—The body of Thomas J. Williams, 36, Portland, who drowned June 31 while surfboarding, was recovered from the Columbia river slough yesterday.

## Hard Riding Cowboys Tackle Horses And Steers At Annual Roundup



1. Close race near finish line in front of grandstand. 2. Klamath Sheriff's Posse pays respects to colors, facing grandstand. 3. Fun on the bleachers at 4th of July rodeo as excitement in the arena mounts. 4. B. Mowdy, Klamath Falls cowboy rides a dangerous curve on a Brahma bull. 5. Brahmas being routed into chutes for the show. 6. Team-roping to dream about was performed as in this picture. 7. Ross Dollarhide, 25, born on old P ranch in Klamath basin, was top man in the three-day rodeo. 8. Steer-team roping, one of the roughest events, takes an expert like Ashbury Schell.