

Hom Jim Dies In Blaze

YREKA, March 1—A long-time Chinese resident of Yreka and known to hundreds in this Northern California area, died Sunday in the flames which consumed his three-room house in the center of town, a part of the original Chinatown which dated back to gold rush days.

Dead is Hom Jim, about 78, who lived in Yreka since early years of the '90s. Hom Jim came here as a young man and worked in the mines and various Chinese restaurants in this area. He intended sending for his young wife in China but she died before he could bring her to this country. During the past several weeks Hom Jim had been ill with a cold and had kept his front door padlocked to keep out visitors although neighbors had brought food to him during that time. Shortly after noon yesterday, Hom Jim's home was reported on fire but firemen were unable to enter the house in time to save the Chinaman's life. His body was found on a cot in the door, burned beyond recognition.

Snow Falls At Crater

After a clear day at Crater Lake park Sunday, snow started to fall, ushering in the month of March with a fair storm. Snow fall in February totaled 147 inches, rangers reported this morning, as compared to an average fall of 83 1/2 inches.

Most of the park visitors Sunday were skiers with 175 cars bringing 650 people to the rim area. The maximum temperature Sunday was 36 degrees, it was 16 this morning and snow depth was 127 inches.

There was one accident reported from the park yesterday. Beverly Noud, 18-year-old Medford girl, suffered a severe sprain of the right ankle late Sunday afternoon when her foot caught in the snow while she was on a toboggan. Members of her party moved her home.

Local Man Hurt In Wreck

Clarence Rasmussen, 40-year-old Klamath Falls man, suffered broken ribs and other injuries in an automobile accident 16 miles north of Weed on highway 99 at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rasmussen was moved by ambulance to the Weed hospital where his condition was reported good.

Hospital authorities said Rasmussen told them he and two companions were returning to Klamath Falls when the driver started to turn into Williams service station for gas. As she turned the brakes locked and the car overturned four times, coming to rest 50 feet off the highway. The other two occupants were not injured.

Trade Pact Extension Asked

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—President Truman today asked congress to extend the reciprocal trade agreements act for three years, until June 12, 1951.

Mr. Truman said in a message that the trade agreements act has been in effect for 14 years and has

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The act gives the president power to work out tariff-cutting agreements with other nations. The United States agrees, for instance, to cut import duties on British-made products and Britain agrees to cut her import duties on American products.

The act was first put on the statute books in 1934 and has been renewed four times. It said the president could cut tariffs to one-half what they were in 1934.

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The commission said taxes now total \$24 mills and may pass the 60-mill level. It urged careful study of future commitments and tightening of welfare expenditures.

An estimated \$100,000 a year is spent for old age care to persons who have transferred property to

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