

WALLEY O' MOON SLAYER SOUGHT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
HERE'S the expected aftermath of the Fourth of July. (On the morning after a two-day holiday, all columns and editorialists are supposed to write spine-chilling pieces about what happens when we Americans let down our hair and have a good time. I reckon if I don't follow the law of the tribe I'll be thrown out.)

THE latest figures show that over the week-end (which began on Saturday morning and ended Monday midnight) 678 persons were killed in violent accidents.

I WOULDN'T really know. I never was any good at mathematics. I scraped through high school algebra and geometry by the skin of my teeth, and by some strange legerdemain that I've never been able to rationalize I got passing grades in enough more of the upper-bracket stuff to be officially stamped as "educated" according to the standards of my time. But I've never had much confidence in my own figuring.

AS I read my insurance company statistics, holiday week-end ending isn't much more dangerous than staying at home and hanging a picture with the aid of a step-ladder and then taking a bath and going to bed.

IT seems that 298 persons died in traffic fatalities over the long week-end. That is supposed to give those of us who survived a bad case of nerves. It "spotlights" for us the hazards of life since Henry Ford thoughtlessly made tin Lizzies so cheap that nobody could afford NOT to own one.

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One trouble, I think, lies in the fact that almost none of our professional statisticians is old enough to remember the horse and buggy days. Did you ever, in a crowded street on a Fourth of July morning

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Fire fighting crews who had remained on duty over the holiday week-end had little time to bemoan the fact they had to work, busy as they were squelching six fires over Sunday and Monday.

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THE six fires, two of which broke out almost simultaneously Sunday and four Monday, were all small. All but one burned in valuable timber country. While crews were fighting a grass fire near Ellington's mill which spread over 50 acres Sunday, lookouts spotted another fire in the timber near the Alexander ranch.

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Rutherford Named Top Cowboy

678 Killed Over Long Week-End

By The Associated Press
The worst accidental death toll in the history of the nation's observance of Independence Day was recorded today. The National Safety Council called the total "a disgrace to a civilized country."

Late tabulations showed a record 678 persons killed in violent accidents during the three-day week-end.

The grim report on the nation's fatalities showed 298 traffic deaths, 245 drownings and 135 deaths in violent accidents. The country-wide survey covered violent deaths from 6 p. m. local time Friday to midnight Monday.

The toll this year smashed the previous record of 628 accidental deaths set during the three-day celebration of the Fourth of July in 1941. Last year, 571 deaths were reported over the three-day period.

Too Much Heat
Millions took to the highways for resorts this year to escape sweltering heat. Traffic deaths led the figures, while drownings followed. The National Safety Council had estimated that 298 persons would die in traffic mishaps.

The council's president, Ned H. Dearborn, said in a statement today that "it is shameful and disgraceful that a humanitarian and civilized nation must sacrifice more than 700 lives to celebrate a holiday dedicated to a free and secure and happy people."

This year's drowning toll broke the record 192 established in 1948. The survey showed no fatalities from fireworks.

The death toll was heaviest in Texas, where 47 died in violent accidents. New York and Michigan each reported 45 deaths.

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QUEEN JOYCE COPELAND says howdy to the spectators in the lead car, her court follows, then Reno Browne, Monogram starlet, waves as they head the kid's parade on Main street Saturday afternoon.



TRAINER GLEN RANDALL puts the famous Trigger Jr. through intricate steps to thrill a huge rodeo crowd Monday.

\$50 Million Crop Damage Seen As Drouth Result

By The Associated Press
A scorching 43-day drought apparently has killed or spoiled more than \$50,000,000 worth of crops in the farmlands of eight northeastern states.

Moreover, farm experts warn, the damage in the area's rich fruit, vegetable and dairy regions will soar to a vastly higher figure if rains do not come in a few days.

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WEATHER

Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday except scattered thunderstorms in Cascades this afternoon. High today 88. Low tonight 57. High Wednesday 74. Max (July 4) 84 Min. 45 Precipitation last 24 hours .99

2 Dead, Woman Assaulted; Net Out For Killer

SONOMA, Calif., July 5 (AP)—Peace officers patrolled Northern California highways today in their search for a man known as Hank— to question him in a double slaying and rape in Jack London's scenic Valley of the Moon.

A woman clad only in a T-shirt and bleeding from a beating fled hysterically down a mountain road yesterday to tell a picnic party of the crimes. Officers who investigated found two men dead in the mountain home from which she had fled.

The two dead men evidently had been clubbed with a four-pound stone pestle once used by Indians to grind grain. It was found, bloody and hair-covered, outside the house.

Officers issued an all-points bulletin for a mystery man identified to them only as "Hank." He last was seen driving Flint's 1941 Buick convertible.

Huge Crowds Jam 3-Day Rodeo Here

Buck Rutherford, hard-riding cowboy of Nowata, Okla., was handed the all-around cowboy buckle for competition in the 1949 Klamath Basin Roundup following three days of fast riding and roping.

Huge crowds swarmed the fairgrounds during the three rodeo performances. There wasn't a seat in the house at the July Fourth afternoon show, and the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon competition saw near-capacity crowds as top cowboys vied for the all-around title.

Second, third and fourth in the rest average for the two bull-riding go-rounds went to Cotton Rosser, Sen Luis Obispo, Calif.; Gerardo Roberts, Strong City, Kans.; and Wally Blessing, San Fernando, Calif.

Cliff Whitley of Texas and Jim McKinney of Arizona teamed up to grab top average money in the team roping test. Their two go-round time was 34.4 seconds.

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—The jury to get his case Thursday.

Lakeview Pilot, Passenger Hurt In Light Plane Crash

A Lakeview man and a young Portland woman were recovering today from injuries received late Monday afternoon in the crash of a light plane alongside the Lake of the Woods road a mile west of the Pelican guard station.

Pact Debate Opens Today In Senate

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—Senator Connally (D-Texas) today opened senate debate on the Atlantic pact with a plea for swift approval as "unmistakable proof" that free nations will stand together against attack.

In the treaty, he said, "the free nations of the North Atlantic area, before the nations of the world a noble declaration that no armed aggressor, no swaggering conqueror, no military despot shall invade the North Atlantic area."

The 20-year compact has been signed by the United States, Canada and 10 European nations, but it must be ratified by a two-thirds senate vote before it becomes binding on this country. Fewer than a dozen senators are expected to oppose it.

Coal Miners Enter Pits, No Contract

PITTSBURGH, July 5 (AP)—Almost all of the nation's 480,000 hard and soft coal miners returned to the pits today without a contract at the end of their annual paid vacation.

The work resumption started the first of an indefinite number of three-day work weeks expressly ordered by John L. Lewis for miners under the terms of the 1947 contract of the United Mine Workers' long-standing "no contract, no work" policy.

At least 7000 of the 55,000 Western Pennsylvania soft coal diggers were forced to remain idle. Several producers were unable to resume production this week because—

SEATTLE, July 5 (AP)—The seventh fence in a running property line dispute was the one that brought the feud into the open.

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—Ezzard Charles, newly crowned NBA heavyweight champion, today signed to defend his title against Gus Lesnevich, former world light heavyweight champion, in a 15-round match at Yankee stadium.

Crab Fisherman Shot Down By Mystery Man In Plane

A man left the plane and boarded Nelson's craft. There was a shot and the man reboarded the plane, which took off.

TWO WERE HURT—H. J. Rathe, 23, of Lakeview, and Jeanette Johnson, 23, of Portland, were injured yesterday afternoon when this light plane crashed just off the Lake of the Woods road. They were brought to Hillside hospital. Sheriff Jack Franey, left, investigated the crash along with state police and forest service men.

