

# TORNADOES HIT NEBRASKA

## Indochina Peace Talks Continue

By MAX HARRIS  
 GENEVA (AP)—The conference entered its 10th day today amid increasing reports that the big-name diplomats may go home soon, leaving their deputies to carry on an "Indochinese Panmunjom."

None of the big power foreign ministers yet has announced plans to pull out of the negotiations, but this may be the last week of attendance for some of them.

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles returned to Washington four weeks ago. Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov flew to Moscow early yesterday for consultations, telling some of the Western delegations chiefs he would be back in a few days.

The feeling persisted here, however, that unless more positive results are obtained this week, the conference will enter a new phase of protracted lower-level discussion, similar to the negotiations which preceded the Korean armistice.

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## Longtime Basin Resident Killed In Motor Accident

By MILLY RAMSBY  
 One of the most unusual auto wrecks in the history of this area Saturday night took the life of Florence Dixon, 78, and left her husband, Sam, in the hospital, where he is reported improved this morning.

The Dixon car was hit as the couple made a left turn off Kil Carson Way onto Portland as they headed for their home at 1800 Klamath County Crescent, by a traffic fatality car operated by Coy Pater, 45, Shady Pine, driving south.

The impact knocked the Dixon car onto a small rise on the west side slumped to the floor where he wedged against the throttle and the car shot across the highway toward the park on the east side of the road, veered across the lawn, slammed into and over two guide posts marking a parking area and, traveling at an estimated 35 miles per hour, headed for a house on the corner of Fremont and Dolores.

Before it hit the house the car bounced over an old engine block, the impact throwing Mrs. Dixon out, narrowly missed a telephone pole and smashed across the lawn again roughly paralleling Kil Carson Way.

At this point, Dr. John Merryman, an eyewitness to the accident who had been stopped at the highway sign on Portland, swung his car onto the highway and followed the runaway car.

When the Dixon car suddenly swerved left, toward the highway Merryman left his car and leaped onto the runaway and attempted to stop it by applying the brakes without success. Failing in this he reached for the ignition key and managed to stop the vehicle just as it plowed into the center strip separating the two traffic lanes.

When the car stopped Merryman raced back over the path it had followed and found Mrs. Dixon lying unconscious where she had been tossed from the battered car when it hit the old engine block. Kaler's ambulance carried the injured pair to the hospital.

In reconstructing the scene city policeman Bud Switzer termed it "the most unusual case I've ever handled." His record book carries the notation that Merryman's only statement was that "he had turned the ignition off."

It was the first fatality of 1954 within the city limits, and marked the seventh traffic fatality in the county.

Pater, driver of the other car involved, was charged for violation of the basic rule, with no speed charge, and ordered to appear in Municipal Court Tuesday at 10 a.m.

When Switzer and I returned from the hospital and went over the scene of the accident we were struck by the fact that nothing short of a miracle kept the runaway car from hitting one or more of the houses in the area and that it had not upset, possibly killing both occupants, when it hit the obstacles in its path.

Mrs. Dixon, Klamath County Pioneer, was born March 16, 1876, near Olene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Galbreath. She and her husband attended the old Lost River Gap and Pine Grove schools.

After her husband retired from farming, they moved to their present address, 1800 Crescent Avenue.

Other than the widower, survivors include two sons, Clyde and Oliver (Bill), and a daughter, Elsie, Mrs. T. W. (Tom) Owens; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; all of this city; and a brother, Frank Galbreath, Henley. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

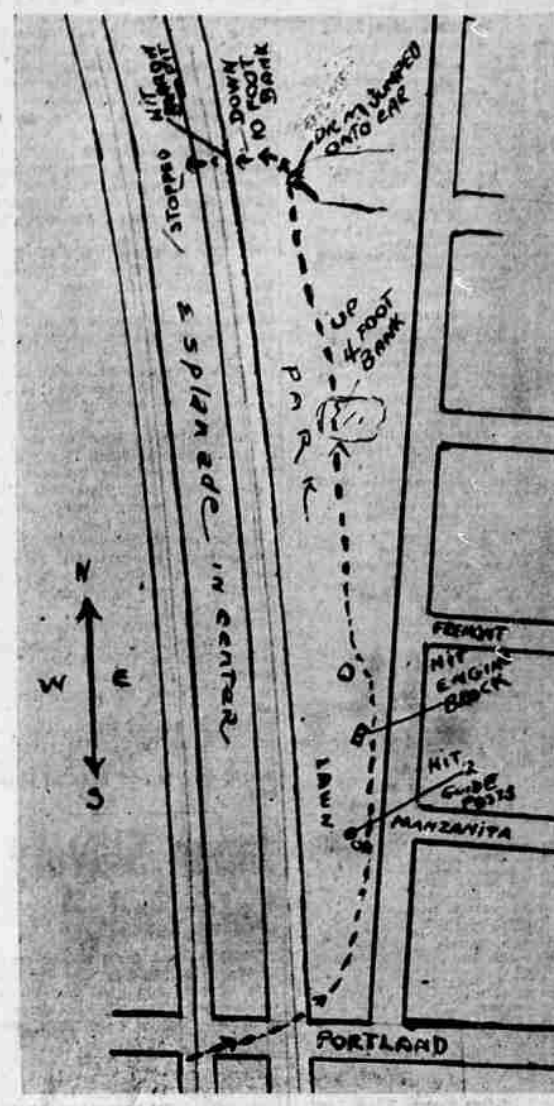
## 7 For 1954 Traffic Fatalities



MRS. BIRDIE DIXON

of the highway and spun it around where it stopped.

Then, apparently, Dixon's body



ROUTE OF RUNAWAY CAR in which Mrs. Birdie Dixon lost her life is shown in sketch above.

## Rains Make Aid Efforts Difficult

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP)—Tornadoes cut a swath across northeast Nebraska Sunday night killing four children and injuring at least 18 other persons.

The Weather Bureau said there were two confirmed tornado reports and three unconfirmed reports in a 30-mile path. Damage to telephone lines made checks in the area difficult.

The list of dead was revised Monday when hospital attendants accounted for all members of the Ben Kohl family. Earlier it had been reported that four Kohl children were killed. Hospital attendants said when the injured revived sufficiently to talk they said there were only four children in the family.

The dead: Nell Klawonn, 8; Cindy Carberry, 4; George Kohl, about 6; and Robert Kohl, about 8.

All the deaths and injuries were in an area about two miles wide and four miles long some 10 miles southeast of Norfolk. At least seven farms were known to have been hit. The area is about 130 miles northwest of Omaha.

Torrential rains ranging up to 3 1/2 inches in Pierce, some 20 miles north of the tornado area, made side roads impassable and the State Safety Patrol survey of the toll was slowed up.

One tornado, coming in from the southwest, apparently dipped down and hit the Kohl farm about 10 miles southwest of here, about 8:18 p.m. (MST) killing two children and injuring the parents of two other children.

Then it jumped three miles east to the Weldon Rakowsky farm, killing Cindy Carberry, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carberry of Norfolk, and injuring 10 other persons, apparently attending a Memorial Day family gathering.

The tornado then hopped across the highway to the Lawrence Klawonn farm, killing Nell Klawonn, 8, and injuring her parents. The farmhouse was leveled.

Wayne Wells, news director of station WJAG of Norfolk, said the Klawonn farm was "the worst sight I ever saw. All the buildings were ripped out. Two-foot thick cottonwoods were twisted off like toothpicks."

Nelson Barth, city editor of the Norfolk News, said the Kohl and Rakowsky farms also suffered heavy damage and he had been told of two other farms damaged in the immediate area.



9 O'clock Special  
 FLAGS WERE RAISED in front of business establishments and homes all over the nation today, honoring the dead. In Klamath Falls, Laure Munro (left) and Jimmy Eastburn (on truck), Explorer Scouts from Explorer Post No. 101, were out early to help John Heilbronner provide the Main Street area with Old Glory.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
 Two Memorial Day pictures: President Eisenhower led the nation today in a solemn Memorial Day tribute to our war dead. With Mrs. Eisenhower looking on, he placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington national cemetery.

Then, hat over his heart, the President stood in brilliant sunshine while the wailing, haunting, strangely heart-melting notes of TAPS echoed over the rolling green hills of Virginia.

The President and Mrs. Eisenhower then walked a short distance to the cemetery amphitheater, where Navy Secretary Thomas told an audience that a nation UNITED need fear no foreign foe or aquatic creed.

But, he added:  
 "If we dissipate our strength, squander our riches, neglect our faith and fall into the disunity of a divided house, then we can DEFEAT OURSELVES and lose victory before the final battle is fought."

## Bodinet Trial To Begin

A sensational court drama is scheduled to start unfolding Tuesday when Raymond J. Bodinet, 31, charged with robbery at a Klamath Falls parlor house, goes on trial before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

A diversified array of witnesses will be called to testify by District Attorney Frank Alderson who launched a one-man vice crusade as a result of the holdup and shooting January 8 at Myrtle's parlor house.

Erwin Coyle, 28, an alleged accomplice of Bodinet, was fatally wounded by City Patrolman James O'Neal. Bodinet is then reported to have dropped a pistol and surrendered. O'Neal said Coyle menaced him with a pistol and he was forced to shoot the bandit.

One of the highlights of the subsequent vice probe was District Attorney Alderson's appearance before the Klamath Falls City Council. He told the city officials that unless four local parlor houses were closed immediately, abatement proceedings against them would be launched. The parlor houses have been closed ever since.

Another sidelight on the case was the revelation that the city had been accepting donations of \$200 a month from the house of prostitution. These funds were entered in municipal records under "Account 307." The money was used for civic improvements.

Among the witnesses under subpoena for the Bodinet trials are Paula Benton, alleged operator of Myrtle's place and Mickey O'Neill of Portland, described as a beautiful.

Two other women arrested as material witnesses, Tinka Taylor and Terry Miller, are at liberty under \$500 bail each.

Bodinet is represented by Attorney A. C. Yaden. The trial is scheduled to open at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

## Rogue Forest Trees Planted

Two hundred and forty five thousand trees have been planted this spring on the Rogue River National Forest, Supervisor J. H. Wood announced today. Of this number, the Union Creek Ranger District planted 100,000, Ashland Ranger District 75,000 and Butte Falls Ranger District 70,000.

Two-year-old ponderosa pine and Jeffrey pine seedlings from the Forest Service nurseries at Bend and Mt. Shasta, they were planted on recently cut-over lands by use of funds reserved for that purpose from timber sale receipts.

In addition to planting done on national forest land, 60,000 trees were planted for the city of Medford on their lands near Big Butte Springs, the source of the city's domestic water. These trees were purchased from the Clark-McNary Nursery near Corvallis, and planting is being financed by the city, for the dual purpose of protecting the water supply and growing a new crop of timber.

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## KUHS To Hold Graduation

The 25th annual commencement of Klamath Union High School and the 59th observance of a high school graduation in Klamath Falls, will be held in Pelican Court, 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 2.

Admittance to the ceremony is by ticket only, due to the lack of seating capacity.

The first graduation was in the Klamath County High School in 1885 with Dr. George I. Wright, Klamath Falls, the only graduate.

The class will graduate in caps and gowns.

The only awards to be given during the program will be the coveted faculty cups for the best girl and boy citizens. All other awards, and scholarships were presented at a recent award assembly.

Donald Dexter is president of the senior class; Leo Davis and Martin Kerns are co-vice chairmen; Susan Geary is secretary, and Delores McFarland, is yell-squad leader.

Mrs. W. G. Noggle is senior class advisor.

The commencement program follows: processional, Pomp and Circumstance, "Elegy," Klamath Union High School orchestra directed by Walter P. Smith; invocation, the Rev. Galen H. Onstad, St. Paul's Episcopal Church; salutation, La Rayne Weed; valedictory, Patricia Taylor; "Alleluia," Randall Thompson; "Battle Hymn of the Republic," (request) Howe-Steffe; incidental solo, William Davenport, a cappella choir, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., director of music education.

Presentation of the best citizenship awards, Mrs. Warren G. Noggle, Presentation of the class, Charles T. Carlson, principal of the high school; presentation of diplomas, Mrs. B. C. Johnson, member, board of education, "Klamath Memories," arrangement by Walter P. Smith, (traditional with Klamath Union High School Commencement) audience standing; benediction, the Rev. Galen H. Onstad; recessional Calliet, orchestra.

The list of graduates follows: John Phillip Alexander, Ruth Mary Alexander, James Eldon Alt, Clifford Laurence Ambers, Shirley Mae Anderson, Clinton K. Armstrong, William Dale Ball, Glenn Carrie Ballet, Lois Eva Ballet, Carol Wallace Barnes, Edward Eldon Barron, Donna June Beckwith, Delroy Duane Berg, James Jerry Bevans, Donald Robert Blehn, Erwin Le Roy Bleak.

Theresa Margaret Borgen, Opal Marcella Bourn, Carol Charlene Bousman, Carolyn Ruth Boyd, x Marilyn Doris Brandt, Ronald Wayne Braniff, Charles David Brasuell, Karen Rae Broilier, Dale Aldon Brown, x Janis Anna Bubb, Eleanor Jean Buser, Mitchell Eyrd, Clara Cabella, Iris Loraine Carter, Elva Madora Chambers, Judy



LOY BARKER

## Lions Club Names Leader

Loy Barker, local insurance agent, was installed as the new president of the Klamath Falls Lions Club, at an installation banquet and dance held at the Yacht Club Friday evening.

Other officers installed included: Ed Dittich, 1st vice president; G. L. Leach, 2nd vice president; Irving Burke, lion tamer, and William Millers, tail-walker.

New Directors for the coming year are: Jack Bodwell, Frank Blackmer and Dr. Frank Johnson. Forrest Kelly, Eldred Putnam and Floyd Wynne are the hold-over directors.

## ROUNDUP OFFICE

The Klamath Basin Roundup Association ticket office and information booth has been set up at the chamber of commerce, 323 Main. Phone 8041. Contestants for the rodeo will sign up at the fairgrounds prior to the show. Tickets for the show are now on sale.

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## New KF Lounge Opening Set

Moving day for the women's community lounge open for the past four years at 228 No. 8th Street, is set for Tuesday, June 5. The new location, one-half block from Main Street is 118 N. 7th Street, in the building formerly occupied by the Louis R. Mann Piano Company.

The building has been completely renovated, remodeled and painted, to accommodate the thousands of visitors who register annually.

New facilities will include a dining area where visitors may eat lunches, a nursery with facilities for heating bottles and "napping," a "quiet room," away from the main lobby, complete with davenport and easy chairs, a play area with toys for older children, books, made available by the Klamath County library, and women's rest rooms.

Mrs. Nina Beck, who has been matron since the public service room, opened will continue in that capacity.

The lounge, planned and put into operation through the efforts of rural women, for the benefit of women shoppers and others who must wait for periods of time in town, is visited by approximately 2,000 people monthly. Some 65,000 have registered since the lounge opened. Hundreds of out of town tourists take advantage of the facilities.

Activities are financed by budget appropriations of the Klamath County Court, the city of Klamath Falls, and private donations.

The building being vacated, owned by R. P. Oliver has been sold to the Klamath Falls Post, American Legion.

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## Retiring From 30 Years of Service

Retiring from 30 years of service with the post office department is Henry F. McLaughlin (second from left), honored guest at a dinner at Jen-Ed's Friday evening. Others in the picture are (from left) Chet Langslet, postmaster; Mrs. McLaughlin, Harold Hicks, president of the local chapter, National Federation of Post Office Clerks.



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