



**SAFETY IS A CONTINUING BUSINESS** and the Klamath County Junior Chamber of Commerce has been sponsoring a safety contest in Klamath Falls this past week to promote safe driving habits. The wrecked automobile shown above figured in a terrible road crash in Michigan in 1955. In that crash six people were killed and a family of eleven orphaned. Police

officers in the Detroit area loaded the wreck on a truck and toured that city's high schools lecturing on the highway safety. The Jaycees are picking a safe and courteous driver every day in Klamath Falls. This driver's license number is then published in the Herald and News and a prize offered to the motorist who identifies himself as the owner.

### Marine Firemen Strike Idles Nine Ships In Western Ports

**SAN FRANCISCO (UP)** — The number of ships idled in West Coast ports by a strike of AFL Marine Firemen rose today to nine.

Five of the ships were tied up in San Francisco and four in Los Angeles. It appeared likely that a number of other ships would be hit today elsewhere along the coast.

The firemen said they will refuse to work until they get the same vacation pay as that recently granted to AFL Sailors and Marine Cooks under a new master contract covering 6000 maritime workers.

If the firemen carry out their threat, as many as 130 ships operated by member firms of the Pacific Maritime Association will be affected.

The firemen have set up no picket lines. They are merely refusing to sign ship's articles.

Ships affected in San Francisco included the China Transport of the Pacific Transport Lines; Matson Lines' Hawaiian Fisherman, Hawaiian Rancher, and the Sierra; and Grace Lines' Santa Elena.

Ships affected in Los Angeles were Matson's Hawaiian Builder, the Hawaiian Refiner, chartered by States Marine Lines; the P&T Leader of Pope and Talbot Lines; and the Santa Flavia of the Grace Lines.

Navy officials were still hopeful that the dispute could be settled in time so a load of Christmas mail aboard the China Transport could be gotten to servicemen in Okinawa in time for the holiday.

Capt. Earl Patterson, director of communications for the Western Sea Frontier, said the Navy will make "every effort" to get the mail to servicemen before Christmas.

"It may be possible, if the ship is released in the next week, to accept delivery in Honolulu and fly the mail to Okinawa before Christmas... we are awaiting further developments before taking any action."

The Cooks and Sailors recently voted in favor of a new contract which increased their base pay to \$423 a month, but which eliminated certain extra pay and bonuses.

The firemen approved a contract pegging base pay at \$302.40, but keeping the bonuses and extra pay. Since vacation pay is computed from base pay, this meant that the firemen got less vacation pay. They are demanding the same pay.

### Patterson Urges Federal Help For Oregon Schools

By **PAUL W. HARVEY JR.**  
**SALEM** (P) — Gov. Paul Patterson said Thursday he is convinced the federal government should help Oregon solve its school building problem.

But, he cautioned, he does not believe in federal aid for operation of the schools.

He returned this week from Washington, D. C., where the White House Conference on Education recommended federal aid for construction of school buildings.

The State Department of Education says that Oregon will need 36 million dollars worth of school construction by 1960.

The problem is critical in residential areas outside Portland. Those districts couldn't build the schools they need even if they bonded themselves to their limits.

These are the so-called "distressed districts," and they are the ones the governor believes should be helped by the federal government. He says the state doesn't have the money to do it.

A minority of the conference supported federal aid for operation and maintenance of schools. Patterson opposes this, saying it would bring federal control of the schools.

"The Oregon delegation to the conference wants federal aid for distressed districts to solve their building problems," the governor said.

"I concur heartily. But we must solve our problems on the local level to the fullest extent possible.

"Once we start taking federal aid, I fear it might grow, and bring about federal control of education. All states should finance their schools as far as possible, so they can keep education in the hands of the local people.

"An individual family's voice couldn't be heard if there were federal control.

"Our educational system is the foundation of the strength of our form of government. Regardless of how well meaning a group at the national level would be, federal control would bring about regimentation of education."

Another serious problem is to find enough teachers. There aren't enough now, and the shortage is expected to become severe in the next four or five years.

Patterson said he concurs with the conference's recommendations. These call for giving teachers the same status and prestige that is given to other professions, paying them large enough salaries to

compete with other professions and giving them responsibility, freedom, and challenges to their initiative.

Oregon had 18 delegates at the meeting. Total attendance was about 2,000.

"The delegates," the governor said, "came home to Oregon with the feeling that the road we are traveling has been the correct one. We have the feeling that Oregon is not falling behind in its educational efforts, and that we are ahead of many other states in many things."

"And it was comforting to learn that our problems are common to the other states."

He said the conference was "the hardest working convention I ever attended." The delegates worked from 3 a. m. to 10 p. m. daily, with some of them working until 4 a. m.

The governor said the delegates included persons from all walks of life, and that it was a splendid example of democracy at work.

"I was inordinately proud of the Oregon delegation," Patterson said. "They were in serious attendance, participated fully, and gave a good impression of their state."

Winners of the Disabled American Veterans Klamath Falls Post talent show held last weekend were announced today by Post Commander Cecil Nicholson.

### DAV Talent Winners Given

Ten first prize ribbons were handed out in the Future Star Division. They went to Alice Pearl Witherspoon, Jerri Rice, Mike Ryser, Candy Moon, Diane Callan, Kathy Manchester, Fay Adams, Oscar Carlson and Karen and Wendy Dean.

First prize winner in the Junior division was Sandra Kay Ruonich, pianist. Runners up were Stephanie Olvera, tap dancer, second, and Beverly Davis, third.

Two dancers shared first prize in the senior division. They are Barbara Blanchard and Lynette Lawrence. Second prize winners were Three Stripes and a Chick, made up of Donn Taucher, Terry Hanson, Bill Hamblin and Frances Cox. Third prize went to Michael Raviza, accordionist.

Honorable mention was given to Marilyn Metler, who supported the junior ballet group with a solo dance.

### Lakeview Plans Xmas Concert

LAKEVIEW — A Christmas concert will be presented by a 50-voice community chorus on Sunday, December 11, at the Lakeview High School auditorium. Under the direction of Robert Shotwell, there will be an afternoon performance at 2:30 and another at 8 p. m.

A feature of the concert, which is sponsored yearly by the Madhouse Community Players, will be a double mixed quartet. Members are Will Hilgert, Robert Brown, Lloyd Gillmor and Robert Shotwell.

### Fort Rock Grange Elects Chairman

FORT ROCK — Delbert Wilson was elected president of the Fort Rock Grange youth committee last Friday when the group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morehouse.

To serve with him will be Mrs. Delbert Wilson, as secretary, and Mrs. Richard Wilson, as treasurer.

GROTEWOHL ARRIVES  
TOKYO (P)—Peiping radio says East German Premier Otto Grotewohl arrived in Red China's capital today on a visit.

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