

Suits Mount Against U.S.

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Suits totaling nearly \$165,000 have now been filed against the United States government in connection with an Idaho collision in which three Washington youths were killed last summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Amundsen of Snohomish, Wash., filed a \$51,254 suit in U. S. District Court here Saturday, asking the damages for the death of their son, Richard, 19.

This was the fourth suit filed as a result of the collision of a car and a Bureau of Land Management fire truck about eight miles east of Mountain Home, July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Borseth, Seattle, asked \$51,641 for the death of their son, Jan, 20, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Draper, Bremerton, seek \$50,000 for the death of their son, Gordon, 20.

Victor Langdon, 21, Waitsburg, Wash., asked \$12,000 for injuries he received in the smash.

The truck driver, John Warren of Glens Ferry, Idaho, was cleared by a coroner's jury earlier of criminal blame in the accident.

Six Perish In Accidents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
A teen-ager whose auto smashed into a truck when he swerved to avoid hitting a dog was among the six persons that died during the weekend on the state's highways. The deaths brought the Washington death toll for the year to 490, compared to 475 at the same time last year.

The teen-ager, Sherill L. Self, 19, of Hamilton, was killed five miles east of Sedro Woolley. The driver of the truck, Oscar Melick, 49, of Burlington, and his wife Virginia, 44, were hospitalized with injuries. Joe S. Vaitovich, 36, Port Orchard, died shortly after walking into a moving car Saturday night about 4 miles south of Port Orchard.

Also killed Saturday when a car ran off the River Road near Cusick in Pend Oreille County was Vilas H. Beckenhauer, 57, of Usk. His automobile plunged down a bank and overturned.

A collision of two autos at Bellingham Sunday killed Pauline Pratt, 69, of Blaine. Her husband, Fay Pratt, 72, was driving the car in which she was riding.

Tage Hansen, 50, Seattle, died in hospital shortly after being struck by a car on U. S. Highway 99 just south of the Everett city limits. Robert A. Whittingham, 23, Everett, was the driver of the car.

Walter R. Smith, 32, Seattle, died early Saturday of injuries suffered in a high-speed one-car smashup in Seattle late Friday night.

Improvement On Road Set

OROVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Sizeable chunks of the proposed Nome, Alaska to Mexico City highway will be completed or improved by 1961, directors of the Okanogan-Caribou Trail Assn. were told Saturday.

Ben Fanning, Bend, Ore., the immediate past president of the association, told the 50 directors the 3 1/3 million dollar bridge over the Columbia River at Biggs Rapids will be completed in the next three years. The bridge will forge an important link in U. S. Highway 97 which the association hopes to make the longest single-numbered highway in the Western Hemisphere.

Except for two bridges, the road between Brewster and Okanogan is completed, Jack Rogers, Chelan, Wash., reported. Under present plans, the highway will bypass both Brewster and Okanogan, he said.

Meanwhile, the association decided to ask the government of British Columbia to renovate the Quesnel Bridge and to complete paving of both U. S. 97 and the John Hart Highway.

Kelowna, B. C. delegates reported the overpass over railway tracks north of Kelowna has been slipping because of poor footings. The association selected Yakima as the site of its 1959 convention with Ellensburg as alternate.

Delegates voted to stage a 1,000-car caravan along Highway 97 to the 1960 convention site of Dawson Creek, B. C. This plan was approved after the group received renewed assurance that the government of British Columbia will have the route all paved that far in time for the meeting.

Oil Fire Damage Set At \$350,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giant flames cracked on the waters of a creek for a mile Sunday night in a spectacular fire that caused \$350,000 damage.

Little Falls Creek burst into flame after blazing oil from 12 fuel storage tanks spilled into it.

Firemen, who extinguished the blaze early today, had to fight through the thick black smoke that clogged the area on the north-west edge of Washington. Two firemen were hurt slightly.

The oil company that owned the tanks took the entire loss. No residential property was damaged.

LEAVES FOR ANTARCTIC MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet ship Ob left Kaliningrad Sunday for the antarctic with a team of Soviet scientists, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported today.

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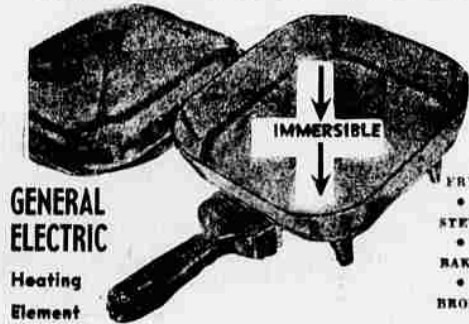


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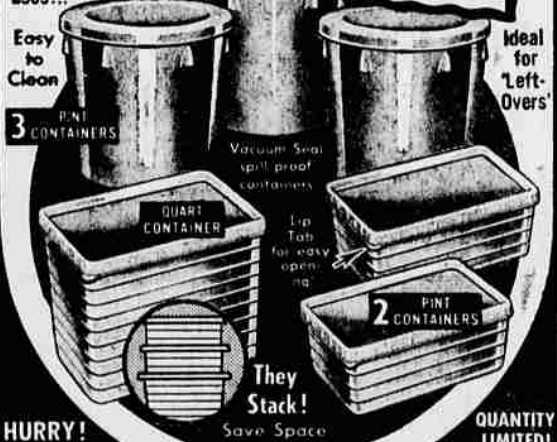


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