



A LOT OF WORK FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE resulted for Lewis Dudley, left, and his boss, Laddie Campbell, a Merrill Highway rancher, when their truck lost nearly 30 bales of hay while turning from South Sixth Street onto East Main, Wednesday afternoon. This was Campbell's second minor accident in two days; Tuesday a car hit the truck in the rear.

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Ed Prima, 1528 Ivory Street, that was parked in front of 124 East Main Street. Police quoted a witness that Lotches drove down East Main at 3:45 a.m. today and turned directly into the parked car as though he were turning into an intersection. The car on the sidewalk was badly damaged. From the scene officers followed a water trail that led eventually to Home Street where Lotches' abandoned car was found. Lotches came into the station later to file an accident report and there was arrested. He told police the car he hit was parked out in the street and that he was blinded by oncoming headlights. Daniel Freeman, 20, and Robert McFarland, 21, both of 1751 Etna Street, were arrested on drunk and disorderly conduct charges after police, patrolling about the Klamath Auditorium in the wake of a New Year's Eve dance, observed Freeman and McFarland weaving unsteadily and immediately heard the crash of a window in a ceramics shop at 1403 Main Street. Booked on the dual charges, McFarland posted \$25 bail but Freeman was lodged in jail where he broke the window in the drunk tank. This added to his bail which he paid about 9 a.m. today. The bill was \$200. Both men are scheduled for municipal court appearances Friday.

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Auto Deaths On Increase

Traffic Fires 64 Miscellaneous 20 Total 88

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS New Year's holiday traffic deaths increased steadily today. Snow, sleet and rain left streets and roads in dangerous condition in many sections of the country. The National Safety Council reported the count of fatalities was running ahead of its advance estimate for the current New Year's weekend was rising faster than on Jan. 1, 1958.

Negotiations To Continue

CINCINNATI (AP) — Negotiations in the long Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. strike resume their sessions this afternoon. The strike, which started last October, has idled 13,000 workers in 11 plants. Howard J. Montoney, federal mediator, had no progress reports to make after Wednesday's meetings. He said there would be group sessions today and that another joint meeting probably would be held late today or Friday. The negotiations between representatives of the company and the United Glass and Ceramic Workers Union on a new contract started here two weeks ago. Previous sessions in several other cities had failed to produce an agreement.

State Police Report Mishap

Three cars in the ditch and one citation were the consequences of a Wednesday afternoon accident on Highway 97. State police report that Beatrice Johnson, 40, Chiloquin, was northbound on Rogers' station, just north of the city when she passed two cars and attempted to pass a truck. Police say that Mrs. Johnson, suddenly seeing that she was not going to have room to complete this attempt, slammed on the brakes. At this point the Johnson car skidded and slammed into a vehicle being driven by Bob C. Miller, 3004 Summers Lane, which went into the ditch on the west side of the highway. Under the impact the Johnson auto swung around and was struck by a car driven by Elmer Morehead, 329 Hillside Avenue, which joined the Miller vehicle in the west ditch. The Johnson vehicle finally went off the road after this second collision, going into the east ditch. Mrs. Johnson was cited for "passing with insufficient clearance."

Funerals STAB

Funeral services for Lee Adams Staub, 53, who died at Bly December 31, 1958, will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home on Saturday, January 3, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Greene of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Final rites and interment in Klamath Memorial Park.

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Crew Checks Hospital Fire

BALTIMORE (AP) — A two-alarm fire swept through a star-shaped building at a state mental hospital early today but was checked before it could spread to patients' quarters. Hospital officials said there were no injuries and that patients were in no danger. A spokesman for Spring Grove State Hospital said 35 patients had been moved out of the building only three weeks ago because the structure was considered a fire-trap. The hospital fire was the second major blaze in West Baltimore early today. The first fire destroyed the Thorn Ford Sales Inc. auto agency and an undetermined number of new cars. There were no injuries, firemen said.

FOREIGN REPORT EALING, England (UPI) — The chief officer of the Middlesex County Council Public Control Department today reported foreign substances found in food included a nail in a cake, a small brass bolt in cheese, and pig's eye-lashes in black pudding.

Trio Nabbed In Gas Theft

TULELAKE—The theft of gasoline from the ranch of a Tulelake farmer, Vern Taylor, living on the state line, put two California men in the Modoc County Jail at Alturas and brought a 16-year-old juvenile into court. Elmer Rund, judge of the Tulelake Justice Court in Modoc County, sentenced James David Sells, 18, to 60 days in jail December 30, after Sells pleaded guilty to petty theft. Charles Arthur Mancillas, 19, also charged with petty theft, pleaded guilty to being an accessory and was committed to jail for 30 days. Rund stated that Sells was carrying an automobile operator's license showing that he was born in 1937 but that a selective service card inside one of his boots gave his birth year as 1940. He admitted to being a parole violator from the California Youth Authority and to having been in numerous boys' corrective camps in the state. Further evidence showed that Sells had used his phony operator's license to purchase liquor for juveniles. He further admitted that a brush with the law on a burglary charge in Southern California prevented him from being inducted into the service. Both Sells and Mancillas have been in the Tulelake community for some time. Mancillas, who accompanied the juvenile and Sells to the Taylor ranch, stayed in the car and took no part in the actual theft of the gasoline. Location of the gas was known to the juvenile defendant. Rund commended action of Taylor in the part he played in helping to identify the trio whom he saw leaving his property. He fired a shot from a 12-gauge shotgun in the air as the three raced away. After determining that no personal injuries would result, he fired a second shot in the lower body of the vehicle, marking it with lead pellets. The car was picked up in Tulelake the following morning through the cooperation of Bill Skelton, California Highway patrolman, Siskiyou County deputy sheriff, Bill Miller, and assistant part time Modoc County deputy, Lloyd Bradbury.

Families Get Food Baskets

WEED — Special cheer baskets were given to deserving families in Weed for the Christmas holiday season through coordinated plans and efforts of various local organizations. Organizations participating in the cheer program included the Weed Business and Professional Women's Club, the Weed Lions Club, the Women's Association of the Weed Presbyterian Church, the Weed Presbyterian Church Sunday School, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary, and the Salvation Army. All children of the various families remembered were given books as gifts from the Weed Community Presbyterian Church Sunday School. The majority of the toys distributed were received from Frank McMillan, Burlingame, in appreciation for hospitality shown him and his auto-accident-injured family when patients here during the 1949 Christmas season. Mrs. Kenneth Stone and Mrs. Boyd Melrose served as co-chairmen for the project.

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1958 California Road Toll Two Hundred Under 1957

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — California's New Year holiday traffic death toll inched upward today as the Highway Patrol announced that 3,401 persons died on roads and highways in the state in 1958. The figure was exactly 200 less than in 1957. At least 10 persons died in New Year's Eve and New Year's Day accidents up to 11 a.m. today. A drowning increased the total deaths from all accidents to 11. Two of the traffic fatalities occurred in Southern California, three in San Joaquin Valley and five in Northern California. A professional football player, Galen W. Laack of the Philadelphia Eagles, was killed in Alameda County Wednesday night when his car missed a curve on Sunol Peak on a road and crashed into a tree. A resident of Stockton, he formerly played for the College of Pacific and starred in the East-West game of 1956. Other Northern California traffic deaths: Francis Murray, 34, San Francisco postal supervisor, was struck by a car early today while crossing a San Francisco street. Mrs. Linnie Myrtle Griffin, 62, Biggs, was a passenger in a car

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DOUBLE CAR EXPORTS

LONDON (UPI) — The British Ford Motor Co. almost doubled its exports to the United States last year, it was announced today. The company said 42,000 cars were shipped to the United States in 1958.

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tillo. Cantillo said he would take personal control of the armed forces. The group which flew off with Batista includes Esteban Ventura, a national police lieutenant colonel who was one of the most hated men in Cuba because of his torture of rebel sympathizers; and top leaders of the armed forces who had been marked for death by the rebels. At the U.S. Embassy, Ambassador Earl E. T. Smith was in constant touch with Washington. Smith said from what the embassy knew, Batista left Cuba of his own free will. Men who had been in key posts around Batista began resigning. The man Batista had picked to succeed him Feb. 24, Andres Rivero Aguiar, flew with Batista to the Dominican Republic. That nation is run by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, one of the few remaining dictators in Latin America. It was in the midst of a toast at Camp Colombia to the peace and prosperity of Cuba that Batista announced that he was giving up power and fleeing the country he had dominated for a quarter of a century. Just before that Batista had given a statement to the press on what he termed the grave situation in Las Villas province. He accused two army leaders of treason and paving the way for the rebel push. It was obvious in the last few days that casualties on both sides had been mounting. The killed and wounded around Santa Clara were estimated as high as 5,000. It also seemed increasingly apparent that Batista soldiers were losing their taste for battle. Batista knew that if the rebels ever got into Havana that he, members of his family, and all of his close military and government associates faced the prospect of being killed. A government communique said the army had killed or wounded 3,000 rebels but government sources said there were 1,000 or more army dead and wounded in battles around Santa Clara, a key road and rail junction. There was no immediate indication whether the rebellion would continue. Nor was there any comment by Castro on Batista's flight. Batista was quoted as saying his forces were running short of arms. Earlier in the evening he had maintained the fighting was going against the rebels and said he would stamp them out. The rebels, however, claimed control of police headquarters and two other key buildings in Santa Clara. Earlier the rebels had broadcast an appeal for reinforcements. Lightly armed rebel foot soldiers, outnumbered, have been battling the pick of government infantry backed by tanks, artillery and warplanes. The rebel appeal for help presumably was directed to Castro's headquarters in the Sierra Maestra of Oriente province, more than 200 miles across areas in government control. The main rebel radio in the Sierra Maestra refrained from earlier claims of victory around Santa Clara although it did say 300 government troops and weapons in a convoy had been captured in the area. The rebels said they continued to advance in Oriente, which has been stripped of some government forces for use in Santa Clara. The army said its reinforced units had defeated the rebel effort to capture Santa Clara, thereby cutting island communications in two. The rebels were being driven eastward from Las Villas toward the open country of adjacent Camaguey province where aerial and tank attacks would take a heavier toll, the government claimed. "There will be no New Year's holiday and no truces or respites for the rebels," said one source close to Batista. The president remained in his palace in Havana. Continued government air raids on several smaller towns in southern Las Villas indicated the rebels still controlled large parts of the province. The government said it had recaptured Cruces, 26 miles west of Santa Clara.

Woodworkers Elect Chairman

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BARN FIRE

Fire at a one-story frame barn at the Paul H. Fairclough ranch, Route 2, Box 682, was already well advanced by the time the county fire department reached there New Year's Day after a 1:35 a.m. call. The barn was severely damaged before the blaze could be extinguished. Cause of the fire is unknown.

GUEST SPEAKER

WEED — Dennis Farmory, Sacramento, district director of Immigration and Naturalization, will be the guest speaker for the January 8 meeting of the Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association. The regular dinner meeting is slated at the Ski-Bowl Cafe in Mount Shasta at 7:30 p.m. C. W. Champlin, president, will be in charge.

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Solon Plans Measure File

Arrangements are being made by State Senator Harry D. Boivin for a complete file of all bills introduced at the 50th Legislative Assembly of Oregon to be made available for study in his local law office. A complete file of all bills, memorials and resolutions to be introduced, as well as copies of the daily Senate and House calendars will be available at the law offices of Boivin and Richard C. Beesley, 210 Boivin Building. "Legislative bills to be introduced during the coming session will cover such major topics as taxation, education, highways, game and labor," Boivin said. "There also will be much legislation covering utilities, alcoholic control, judicial matters, natural resources, public health, public welfare and institutions as well as state and federal affairs." The legislative file will be kept up to date for the convenience of those wishing to read the full context of any of the bills or amendments. At the same time, Boivin announced that limited numbers of these bills are available upon request. Copies will be mailed to organizations, business firms or individuals who request them in advance of the opening of the session by writing Senator Boivin or Representatives John Kerbow or Carl Yancey. Requests made after the opening of the session should be addressed to the legislators at the state capitol, Salem. Senator Boivin leaves for Salem next Wednesday in order to attend the Senate, policy making committee meeting on January 8. This will be followed by a review of the Sly survey on taxation which is slated to precede the opening of the session.

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Councilman Issues Answer To Attack By Yreka Mayor

YREKA — Siskiyou County Supervisor W. C. (Bill) Ealy of Yreka headily responded to the charges of the Yreka City Council, namely Mayor J. C. Cummings, concerning the proposed county road taxes, and the recommended rate increase for city prisoners at the county jail. Ealy described the attacks made by the city fathers as "irresponsible antics" at last week's session of the supervisors. Ealy was referring to the attacks made by Cummings at the city council meeting held December 18 against the proposed increase to be added to the \$1 per day charge presently being made for feeding prisoners, arrested for violations of city ordinances. Ealy pointed out that Sheriff A. B. Cottar had reported to the board that it cost \$1.78 per day to feed a prisoner. Ealy then called attention to the statement made by Cummings that the 20-cent road improvement tax imposed by the supervisors was unfair, and that the residents of the rural communities contributed nothing toward the maintenance and construction of city streets. This, stated Ealy was false, that

Snow Depth Below Norm

Snow depth and water content on the ground are far below average for this time of year, according to reports by Roger Reid and Gene Cox, Soil Conservation Service snow survey crew. They measured snow courses at Billie Creek Divide, Sun Mountain, Diamond Lake, Taylor Butte and Bly Mountain on December 29 and 30. At Diamond Lake there was an average of 12 inches of snow containing a little less than three inches of water. Last year this course had 43 inches of snow holding almost 12 inches of water at this time. The other courses were low in about the same proportion. W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor at Portland reports that all the readings over the state are far below average; about 10 to 25 per cent in most cases. The January 1 snow survey report and water forecast will be out soon. Snow surveys in the upper parts of the drainage basins are the basis of these water forecasts. The forecasts are made for the use of irrigation interests so that adjustments can be made in water storage and farmers can plan their operations according to the amount of water expected. The survey is a cooperative project of the State College, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and other agencies. The coordinating work and forecasting work is done by the Soil Conservation Service, under the direction of W. T. Frost of the Portland office. Operations out of Klamath Falls are being expanded this year. A Turkey Sno-Cat is being readied for the job and schedules worked out for measuring 11 snow courses in the Cascades and the mountains on the east side of the Basin.

Toy Drive Said Success

YREKA—The third annual Yreka Community Toy Drive was deemed successful, according to committee heads, Charles O. Larson, chairman, and Mrs. Ruth Armstrong, co-chairman. The united effort of all service clubs and organizations helped to make the community project a success. Several weeks prior to Christmas, the committee planned a "porch light brigade," with members of the VFW furnishing transportation. They called at homes where a porch light was lit to indicate that toys were there to be picked up. Then followed the task of repairing, painting and generally renovating the hundreds of toys that had been contributed to the cause. Women took over the chore of repairing dolls and clothing items. The men worked on the mechanical toys, repairing them so they could operate once again. Grocers cooperated by placing boxes in their stores, urging the customer to buy one item of food for a needy family, no matter how inexpensive. With the contributions of food, plus the cast donations to the "pot," the food baskets, contained not only canned foods, apples, oranges, nuts and candies, but a ham or turkey as well, all of which were prepared by George Wacker, Yreka grocer. On December 24, the baskets of food and toys were distributed by members of the local Elks Lodge to 30 families, 11 of them in Montague.

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