

Gunshots Killed 9, Wounded 57; 1958 Termed State's Worst Year

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Gunshot accidents killed nine hunters and wounded 57 last year in Oregon.

The Oregon State Game Commission listed that total today, and called it a bad record; probably the worst the state has ever had.

Three of the nine who died were killed by their own guns. The others were shot dead by other hunters.

The gunshot toll was only part of the 1958 hunting tragedy. At least eight hunters drowned, three were killed by falling trees, one died in a fall and another succumbed after having been lost two days in the woods.

At least ten hunters died of heart attacks, presumably due to unaccustomed exertion.

The Game Commission centers its attention on gunshot accidents in the hope of finding patterns that will point the way toward lessening them in future years.

It is in the process now of analyzing them. It says of the fatal accidents, this is what happened:

Harold Dwaine Billington, 15, was out with a .22 caliber rifle July 1 southeast of Lyons. He saw a snake go under a shovel blade and he used his gun butt to turn over the shovel. His gun fired as he did so.

Martin E. Taylor, 23, walked into brush on Suavies Island with a .22 rifle Sept. 10. A shot was heard, he staggered out and died.

Frank Elmer Lane, 15, was shot fatally Oct. 4 when a gun fired as another boy was checking its safety catch.

Laurence V. Stafford, 41, was shot near John Day Oct. 18. His two sons, 17 and 18, had each fired at a deer. One of the bullets killed him.

Ammon Grice, 39, died Oct. 24 three days after being shot by a fellow hunter near Salem. A manslaughter charge was filed in his death.

Gilbert Eugene Blackburn, 38, was hunting elk near John Day. Another hunter saw something move and fired. Blackburn, obscured by falling snow, was killed.

Ervin Hosford, 64, hunting deer near Corvallis Nov. 15, was in the line of fire when two hunters shot. One bullet felled him.

Thomas Keller, 16, was hunting elk near Seaside Nov. 29. Another hunter was charged with firing. He shot that fatally wounded him.

Fred King, 14, set out Dec. 21 with his .22 caliber rifle and his dog. He was found late that day dead from his own gun which fired apparently as he crawled through a fence near Crescent in Klamath County.

It was duck hunting that claimed the lives by drowning. One overturned boat cost three lives Oct. 14—James Cline, Hal Furman and the latter's son Hal Jr.—all died in Upper Klamath Lake. Two young men died crossing Narts Bay Dec. 24. The others died in separate mishaps.

Oddest of the year's casualties were those due to falling trees. A windstorm in mid-October killed Enoch I. Mearz, 43, near Mitchell and Dean Ryan, 40, near Vale, when it brought trees down at their camps. A November windstorm toppled a tree on Chester McCracken in Wallowa County.

The number of hunters who died of heart attacks is uncertain. In 1958 as in other years, several died in their camps soon after the deer season opened. Others died after being stricken while in the field. The Game Commission, regarding these deaths as only indirectly due to the sport of hunting, makes no attempt to list them.

Flynn Claims Aided Rebels

NEW YORK (AP)—Actor Errol Flynn flew in from Cuba Thursday and scoffed at denials by some rebels that he took part in the mountain campaign of victorious Fidel Castro.

He alighted at Idlewild International Airport wearing a blue blazer with red buttons, blue slacks, and carrying a black walking stick. Around his neck he had a black bandana decorated with a number of emblems.

Flynn said Castro told him the "emblem was to be the new flag of Cuba when he gave it (the bandana) to me." The actor said he left Castro Saturday night. Castro made a triumphant entry into Havana Thursday.

As for reports he was not in the revolutionary campaign, Flynn said: "I think it is envy and animosity. I was the first one there before anyone gave this guy a hope."

Flynn said he was in Cuba for two months, most of the time with the Castro forces. The Cuban leader told him, Flynn said, "that from the morale point of view it (his being there) helped. Being an American of some prominence—this helped these men who had been fighting for 5 1/2 years."

Flynn reluctantly showed the bandage on his right leg which he said covered a wound he received in the Castro campaign.

"It's like asking me to show my navel," he said.

The actor did not disclose how he had made contact with Castro. He said he received his wound late in December at central Palma sugar mill in Oriente province when a bullet hit a post and then his leg.

A few years ago, Flynn said, "I became intrigued by the idea that there was an idealist and a fighter" and that since then he had made arrangements to meet Castro.

"This has been a fascinating thing for me," Flynn said. "It is a victory by the people which is outstanding."

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Fire Claims 16 Victims

BOSWELL, Okla. (AP)—A pile of ashes and two freshly turned gravesites were all that remained today of Oklahoma's worst residential fire.

The blaze snuffed out 16 lives early Thursday. Services were held in the afternoon for the Negro victims at the Oberlin Community Cemetery 11 miles south of this southeast Oklahoma town. The remains of nine victims were buried in one casket and seven in the other.

Booker Gardner, husband of one victim and father of 10 more, was among the 80 persons attending. Killed were his wife, 38; 10 of their children, ranging from 6 weeks to 15 years; three orphaned nieces and two nephews.

Gardner, a 45-year-old laborer, had been coon hunting with another nephew, John Stewart, 15, overnight. He did not learn about the pre-dawn tragedy until several hours later.

Women consult physicians more often than men, especially at the ages of 15 through 44, reports the Health Information Foundation.

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SHOOTING MAD
CATANIA, Sicily (UPI) — Antonio Giurida, 36, pulled out a pistol and started shooting when a truck accidentally overturned his fruit stand Thursday. His four shots missed the truck driver, but one hit Alfio Strano, 35, breaking his collar bone.

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PARIS (UPI) — The newspaper Paris-Press published a poll today indicating that 78 per cent of the voters consider President Charles de Gaulle's austerity program unfair to the working man— but 57 per cent agree it's the medicine France's tottering economy needs.

TO EXTEND DRAFT
WASHINGTON (UPI)—A bill to extend the draft another four years will be the House Armed Services Committee's first order of legislative business this year. A committee spokesman said the bill was expected to pass. The present draft bill expires June 30.

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