



ELABORATE PLANS are in the making for this year's Sweetheart Valentine Ball for members of Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 1247 BPOElks and their ladies in the Elks Temple on Saturday, February 14. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. to the music of Baldy's Band. The dance will be semiformal. Snacks will be served in the cocktail lounges. Left to right are committee members, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rajnus, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennett, chairmen and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Burke. Not present but assisting are Mr. and Mrs. York Dyer.

Highway Death Rate Drops; But Still 37,000 Killed

CHICAGO (UPI) — The nation's highway death rate dropped to an all-time low per miles traveled last year, but traffic accidents still killed at least 37,000 Americans.

The National Safety Council, in its annual accident summary today, said the traffic fatality of 5.6 deaths per 100 million miles traveled was the lowest in motoring history.

In addition, the death rate from all types of accidents in 1958 also hit a new low of 32.5 persons killed per 100,000 population.

Motor vehicle accidents were the biggest accidental killer and home accidents were second, claiming 27,000 lives.

The overall accident toll for last year was 91,000 killed and 9,100,000 injured. The financial loss was estimated at just under 12 billion dollars by the council.

"Actually, accidents cost Americans around \$11,900,000,000," a council spokesman said. "That covers both fatal and non-fatal accidents and includes wage losses,

medical expenses and overhead costs of insurance, production delay and equipment damage."

The traffic death count was down 4 per cent from 1957 when the previous record low of six deaths per 100 million miles was set.

In all, the council said, one out of every 19 persons in the United States was disabled by injury last year.

Burns and firearms were re-

sponsible for the only percentage-wise increase in accident fatalities.

Fire fatalities were up 4 per cent from 1957, the council said, and deaths from firearms climbed by 3 per cent.

Deaths due to falls dropped by 10 per cent, drownings were down by 5 per cent and major catastrophes claimed 1.6 per cent fewer lives.

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Sale Of Twins To Police Puts Texas Pair In Jail

HOUSTON, Tex. (UPI) — The 24-year-old couple who sold the mother's 8-year-old boy twins to a policewoman and juvenile officer for \$300 in marked bills, was held in Harris County jail today.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stillion gave a bill of sale for the twins to policewoman Mrs. Lanny Dixon and juvenile officer Robert E. Brumley Wednesday. The officers promptly arrested the couple.

The twins were the sons of Mrs. Stillion, a blonde who said she was from England.

The Stillions also have two daughters, Nancy, 4, and Tina, 3. Mrs. Stillion said she and the father of the twins were divorced in England in 1953. She then mar-

ried Stillion while he was stationed in England with the Air Force, and came to this country with him.

The policewoman said she received a report Wednesday that a couple was "trying to give away some children."

Posing as a childless couple, Mrs. Dixon and Brumley traced the Stillions through a description and the report that the mother was a "foreigner."

The policewoman said the couple told them they "didn't want to go through all the trouble of going to court for the children and asked us how much money we needed to clear out of her and return to my husband's home in Franklin, Mich."

Mrs. Dixon said "we told them \$500."

Mrs. Stillion complained, "You would think I had committed the

worst crime in the world. I was simply trying to find someone who would adopt the children because we couldn't take care of them."

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