

Log Mishaps Fatal To Two

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Two men died in Oregon logging accidents Tuesday.

Dick Lawrence Merriman, 31, Jacksonville, and Carl Johnson, 46, Forest Grove, were the victims.

Merriman, a school teacher, was working during summer vacation at an operation on Dead Indian Road, 16 miles east of Astland. He was hit and killed by a tree which was blown the wrong way by a sudden wind as it was being felled.

The widow, Shirley Merriman, and two children, Mark and Sherry, survive.

The other fatal accident occurred about four miles from Gaston, southwest of Portland. Johnson was a faller and buckler at the E. P. Hoodenpyl logging operation. As he operated a power saw, a log rolled down and crushed him against another log he was cutting. His brother, John Johnson, who had been working with him, discovered the accident.

Survivors include the widow, Ruth; a daughter, Mrs. Charlene Johns, Forest Grove; two brothers, Nils of Florence, Ore., and John of Forest Grove; and a sister, Mrs. Marie Krumlauf, Reedsport.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday at Forest Grove.

Israel Crisis Drags Along

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's cabinet crisis dragged along today with Premier David Ben-Gurion's resignation still expected but so far not delivered to President Izhak Ben-Zvi.

The premier is expected to quit — and then form a new government — because two left-wing parties in his four-party coalition have refused to live up to a 1957 pledge to support all cabinet decisions or resign.

The left-wing Achduth Avodah and Mappam parties refused again Tuesday to withdraw their opposition to the government's agreement to sell 250,000 grenade throwers to West Germany. They also refused to resign from the government.

Ben-Gurion apparently was holding up his resignation until parliamentary endorsement of the arms deal, expected in a vote today.

After his resignation, Ben-Gurion will be asked by the president to form a new government because his Mapai (Labor) party is the largest in Parliament. If he cannot put together a majority coalition, he is expected to form a caretaker government to run the country until election of a new Parliament in November.

Death Toll Stands At 20

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The death toll from Sunday's freight train explosion on the Ogeechee River stands at 20.

The count increased Tuesday when James R. Smith of Savannah, 26, died of burns that covered 80 per cent of his body. His wife, Marjorie, was in grave condition in a hospital. Their children, Wayne, 3, and Timothy, 1, died earlier.

The explosion occurred at a recreational area near Meldrim. Still at issue was whether the train derailed and caused the explosion or the butane cars exploded and caused the derailment.

Love Tryst Murder Case Slated For Jury Today

CINCINNATI (AP) — Edythe Klumpp's fate on a charge she murdered her lover's estranged wife goes to a Hamilton County Criminal Court jury today.

The jury of six men and six women must decide whether Mrs. Klumpp, a blonde 41-year-old divorcee and mother of four, should be acquitted, sentenced to death or given a prison term.

The state claims it was just eight months ago Tuesday that Mrs. Klumpp fatally shot and bludgeoned Louise Bergen, 32, on a secluded street here. Mrs. Klumpp had been living with Mrs. Bergen's husband, William, 30, for several months. The state claims she feared Bergen was about to go back to his wife.

Mrs. Klumpp admitted during a nine-hour session on the witness stand she was involved in the shooting. She said, however, it was accidental as she grappled with the younger woman over a pistol she said Mrs. Bergen was pointing at her.

She also admitted putting the

body into the trunk of her car, keeping it there overnight and then taking it to Lake Cowan in nearby Clinton County the next day and burning it.

She taught a sewing class a few hours after Mrs. Bergen's death. The body was in the car at that time.

She testified she didn't tell au-

thorities or Bergen of the shooting and body burning because she was scared and feared no one would believe her.

The state claims Mrs. Klumpp arranged the fatal meeting with Mrs. Bergen for two reasons. One was that she feared Bergen was going back to his wife. The other was that she feared their illicit

relationship would come to light during a credit investigation of an application for a loan on her home.

The state says she needed money to keep her home from being sold at auction to settle a property division with her divorced husband, Robert Klumpp.

Mrs. Klumpp claimed Mrs. Ber-

gen arranged the meeting. The question of premeditation in the alleged murder has been linked with three major points: (1) The fact Mrs. Klumpp received a call from a credit investigator the morning of Oct. 30. (2) The date she bought the gasoline she used in burning the body. (3) How the gun happened to be in the car.

The state contends she took the .22 caliber target pistol with her with the intention of eliminating Mrs. Bergen from her problems.

She said she had used it for target practice several days earlier and had forgotten to take it out of the car.

Through most of the trial Mrs. Klumpp has stared grimly straight ahead. She has wept a few times and she had many angry exchanges with Asst. Prosecutor Harry C. Schoettmer during his cross examination.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Did curiosity lead a 7-year-old boy to a tragic death inside of an automatic clothes dryer?

Detective E. B. Meals says that probably was the reason Jerome Brown crawled into the coin-operated machine early Tuesday.

His body, mangled badly, was found about an hour and a half later by two women who were the first customers at the laundromat, which is unattended.

The youngster, son of Dorothy Gale Brown, was identified by teeth and clothing.

Meals said the machine started after the boy closed its door. Housewives of the area had been using the dryer free because a coin had stuck in the starting mechanism. They operated it by merely closing and opening the door.

'Superman' Rites Slated

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Funeral services for actor George Reeves, television's Superman, will be held today with actors Alan Ladd and Gig Young among the honorary pallbearers.

The rites were scheduled for 3 p.m. at a west Los Angeles mortuary with the Rev. R. Parker Jones of St. Albans Episcopal Church officiating.

The body will be entombed temporarily at a Santa Monica mausoleum until Reeves' mother, Helen Bessolo, takes it to Cincinnati for permanent interment.

Police and the coroner say Reeves shot himself to death June 16 at his home. His mother has not accepted the suicide verdict and has hired filmland attorney Jerry Giesler to investigate.

ENTERS NAVY

Ronald Gene Johnson of Klamath Falls entered the Navy at Portland June 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Wolfred Johnson of 2321 Crest Street. Johnson was graduated this year from Klamath Union High School. He will receive basic training at San Diego Navy recruit station.

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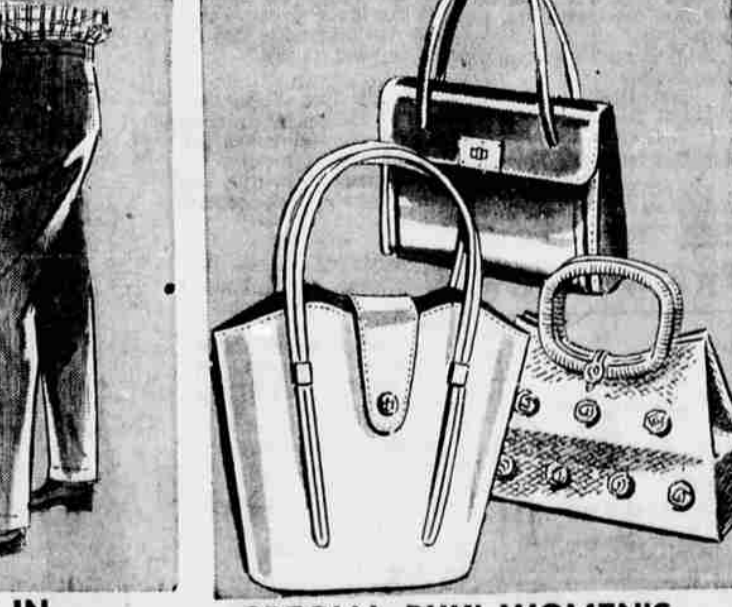
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