

Traffic Toll Rises To 270

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Oregon's 1959 traffic death toll has risen to 270 with the death of three in accidents Friday.

Separate accidents on the southern coast claimed the lives of Walter Neylon, 19, Port Orford, and James Raymond Murphy, 15, Coquille.

The third death was an infant, Kenneth Little, killed in a collision on the freeway south of Salem.

Two other persons were critically injured in the same accident, apparently caused by a tire blowout. They were Mrs. Noel Schultz, 24, Portland, and Mrs. Dwane Little, 24, Milwaukie, mother of the dead infant.

Four other children were injured in the accident.

Murphy was killed in a head-on collision on Highway 101 at Coquille. Three others were injured.

Neylon was thrown 50 feet out of his car when it failed to negotiate a curve south of Gold Beach, police said.

Hurricane Dot Just A Storm

HONOLULU (AP) — Hurricane Dot moved well north of the Hawaiian Islands today and weakened into a tropical storm.

But her 75 mile an hour winds had flooded and ravaged the island of Kauai at the northern end of the Hawaiian chain.

Dot's howling gales ripped roofs off houses, wrecked old frame buildings, flattened sugar cane, knocked down power and telephone lines and sent 1,000 tourists and residents to high ground.

No casualties were reported. Edward E. Johnston, acting governor in the absence of William E. Quinn, asked President Eisenhower to declare Kauai a federal disaster area, qualifying her residents for federal aid loans.

Following a personal tour, Johnston told the President damages would exceed a million dollars.

Official estimates for the damage in Hawaii ranged up to six million.

Johnston also declared a state of emergency in Hawaii and indicated funds will be made available for repairing roads and public properties.

'Bluecoats' Raid Train

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Indians and Bluecoats, attired in Civil War era garb, swooped down a hill east of town here Saturday to welcome the Oregon Centennial wagon train.

Standing by were the mayor, with an aluminum key to the city, and a group of officials waiting to parade through town with the wagons.

Later, Mrs. Laura Thompson, widow of Wy'Am Indian Chief Tommy Thompson, will entertain the modern palefaces at a traditional Indian salmon feast.

The wagons will camp at The Dalles this weekend, then go aboard a converted landing craft for the trip down the Columbia River to Willamette Park in Portland.

The train camped at Biggs, 18 miles from The Dalles Friday night.

CLEANS UP

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Alfred Thorenz took more than a pair of trousers to the cleaners Friday. The cleaning shop found his travelers checks—\$3,000 worth—in a pants pocket.

Great Northern Freight Derails

ELK, Wash. (AP) — A snapped axle sent some 25 cars of a Great Northern freight train tumbling off the tracks near here Friday night.

The 115-car train, on its way from Whitefish, Mont., to Spokane, was headed up an incline when the derailment occurred. About 300 yards of track was torn up.

The accident touched off a fire which did slight damage to the roof of a Veterans of Foreign Wars building and two small out-buildings in the community of Elk.

12,000-Acre Ranch Sold

ELLENBURG, Wash. (AP) — Sale of the 12,000-acre Stanley Coffin ranch was reported Friday by the buyer, Warren J. Bean, 31, of Yakima. The price was not disclosed.

The sellers were Hal Holmes, for many years a U.S. Congressman, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Holmes, nee Coffin.

Mrs. Holmes and a group of associates owned the property which included parts of two counties, Yakima and Kittitas.

Bean was once on the staff of the Cascade Lumber Co. at Yakima but now will spend his full time as a livestock grower at the ranch.

Holmes and his wife could not be reached for comment on the sale. They left earlier in the week for a vacation at Iron Springs on the Washington Coast.

They reside in Ellensburg.

\$3,000 Check Said Motive

WEST COVINA, Calif. (AP) — The prosecutor says Dr. Bernard Finch, charged with murdering his wife, forged a \$3,000 check against her bank account two months before she died.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Fred Wichello said Friday he will use the check "to show motive in this case."

Wichello said Dr. Finch, 41, a wealthy surgeon, was facing possible prosecution over the check at the time his wife, Barbara, 31, was shot to death July 18.

The check was dated May 18, the date of the Finches' separation. Mrs. Finch filed for divorce June 20.

Dr. Finch's girl friend, Carole Tregoff, 22, is charged with helping him murder Mrs. Finch.

FARM WORKERS SCARCE
VIENNA (UPI) — Czechoslovakia Minister of Agriculture Lubomir Strougal Tuesday night appealed to the Czech people to "help bring in the harvest" because of an acute shortage of farm workers. Strougal warned that Czechoslovakia face a "crop disaster" unless more farm help was recruited.

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Flying Service Purchases Borate Spraying Aircraft

By CAROLYN PERKINS

FORT JONES—The SV Flying Service, Incorporated, recently purchased a twin-engine Beechcraft AT-11 for dropping borate on fires. The new plane carries 300 gallons of borate in two 150-gallon tanks which are able to release their load in one and a half seconds.

The U.S. Forest Service and the California Division of Forestry have installed tanks and pumps at the Scott Valley Airport for borate slurry, the borate-water mixture used on fires. Two thousand gallons of borate and 6,000 gallons of water are kept at the field for instant use.

The SV Flying Service is owned by Wes Sorensen and Bud Davis of Scott Valley, both of whom are experienced pilots. Sorensen flew bombers during World War II, and Davis is a former Air Force test pilot. He still is an active reservist, piloting Air Force multi-jet planes.

Davis has done a great deal of flying for the forest service on reconnaissance and cargo dropping missions during fires, but until recently no facilities have existed in Scott Valley for the use of borate planes.

Since its purchase July 21 the airplane has dropped borate on five fires: the Sulphur Ranch fire near Yreka, the Ram's Horn fire

at Trinity Center, the Brazzi fire at Montague and Grenada, a fire near Happy Camp and one close to Reno.

Borate has been used for fire-fighting only recently, 1956 being the first year of its use. It is highly effective on grass and brush fires, while its use is somewhat limited in timber fires, because high trees prevent the mixture from effectively reaching flames near the ground.

A borate plane is flown 75 to 100 feet above a fire when the solution is released. During the fire season the plane is kept ready for instant use. The California Division of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service of Klamath National Forest have leased the services of the fire-fighting aircraft, which has a cruising speed of 165 m.p.h.

State AFL-CIO Closes Confab

SEASIDE, Ore. (AP)—The Oregon AFL-CIO closed its convention here Friday after approving a resolution calling for re-admission of the Teamsters Union to the AFL-CIO, when it meets ethical standards.

The state group Thursday had turned down a resolution calling for admittance of the Teamsters without qualification. The Teamsters were expelled by the AFL-CIO in 1957 for corruption.

Organized labor reversed its traditional stand against daylight

saving time, and approved support of the last time in the 1960 election.

The 400 delegates also approved a resolution charging that President Eisenhower's labor program would "cause the enslavement of labor." They accused the President of "condemning all organized labor."

ALPS TAKE TOLL

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI) — More than 60 persons lost their lives in climbing accidents in the German and Austrian Alps during the first three and one-half months of this year, a survey showed today. The figure was slightly down from last year.

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