

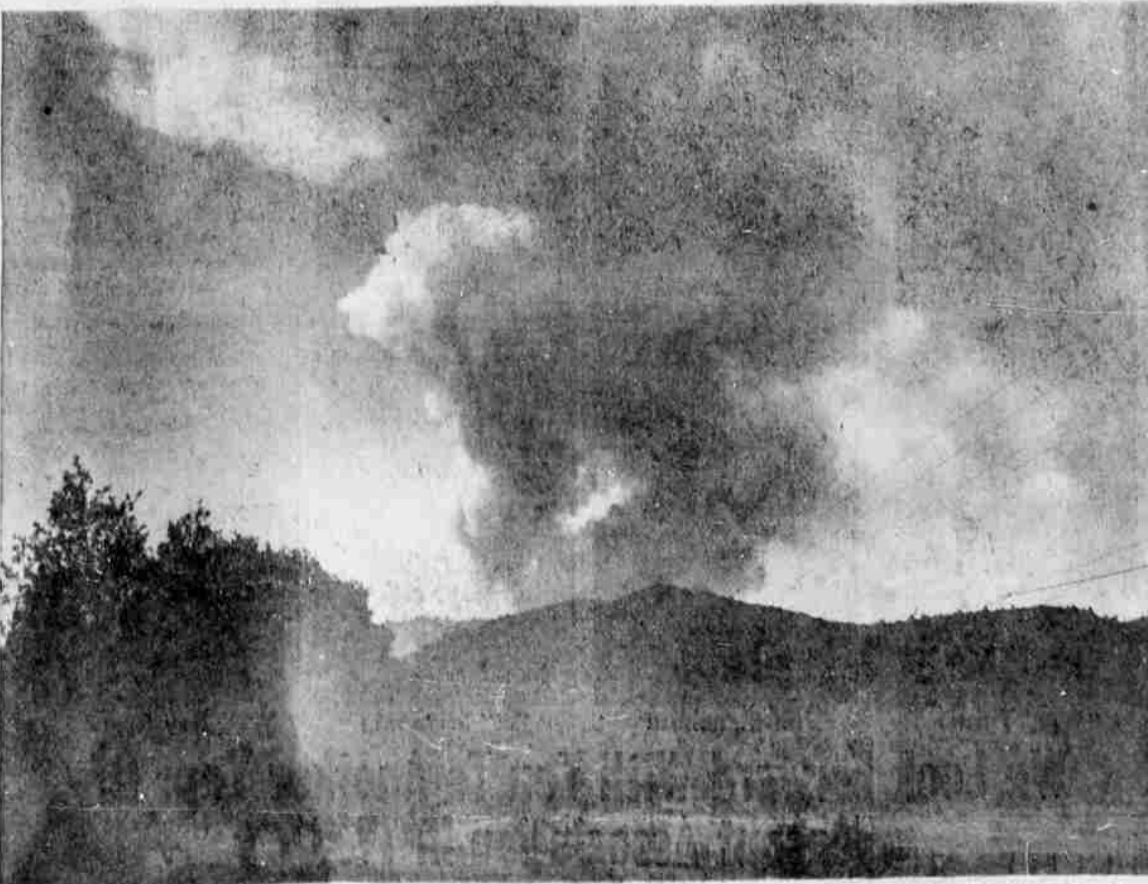
# TOP NEWS OF 1959 IN PICTORIAL REVIEW



**THE BRIDGE TRESTLE** across Lake Ewauna of the Great Northern Railway burst into black smoke and was partially destroyed by flames on Thursday, July 16. The fire may have started in a wooden shed beneath the drawbridge. Loss was estimated between \$75,000 and \$100,000.



**A SPECTACULAR CRASH** of an Air Force helicopter occurred on Thursday, July 9, a few hundred yards from Pelican Bay on Upper Klamath Lake. Five men crawled, uninjured, from the wreckage. Among them was Col. Jack Williams, Kingsley Field base commander.



**A FOREST FIRE** blackened more than 650 acres of second growth Douglas fir timber in mountainous area about 10 miles south of Yreka. It broke out June 30 and was finally controlled three days later. Another fire struck the Hornbrook area on July 27 and consumed 3,200 acres.

## Canco Plans Astoria Plant

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — The American Can Co. said Wednesday it will build a manufacturing plant at Astoria that will have a peak capacity of 100 million cans a year.

William Hatfield, Oregon sales representative, said the plant, when at full production, will employ 50 persons and have a payroll of \$300,000 a year.

Earlier this year American Can said it would close its Portland can manufacturing plant, which at times of peak employment had 375 workers.

The Portland operations are scheduled to be finished by the middle of February.

Hatfield said construction will begin soon on a 1 1/2-acre tract on the Astoria waterfront. The plant will produce containers for tuna, salmon, crab, shrimp and other fish processed by Astoria area packers.

No estimate of the plant's cost was released. It is expected to be in production in time for the major seafood packs of 1960.

The firm now operates a plant in Salem, and also has announced plans for another in Eugene.

## Lumber Industry Recovers From Late 1956 Collapse

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The lumber industry in 1959 had its best year since collapse of prices and orders in late 1956.

Recovery from the slow times was complete. Prices were good, production was up and orders were brisk. There was labor peace.

Mills in the Western pine region set an all-time high in shipments, going over 9 billion board feet for the first time.

The usual midwinter storms in the East and Middle West slowed activity at the close of the year, but industry spokesmen said 1960 looked good.

Tight money with its check on home financing continued as an annual obstacle to complete optimism.

The possibility of a rail strike in the spring was a much greater hazard.

But despite this, H. V. Simpson, executive vice president for West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., said these things assured a great demand for lumber: increasing population with its calls for more homes, schools and churches; stepped up industrial plant expansion; commercial area growth and farm building construction.

Recovery had been a long time coming.

The lumber industry enjoyed a boom after World War II that continued with only slight interruption until late 1956. Then the cut-back was severe. The next year new housing starts dropped to a nine-year low, prices continued to fall and the number of idle workers mounted.

It was mid-1953 before recovery began. By the end of that year, business began to look good again and all through 1959 mills were busy.

Plywood kept on with its great growth and by the end of 1959 there were 145 Douglas fir plywood plants. They turned out an estimated 7,700,000,000 square feet on a 3/4-inch basis, a new record for the 15th straight year.

A few scattered small mills were taken over by larger ones but the two major changes of 1959 came in Georgia Pacific Corp.'s \$3 million dollar purchase of Booth-Kelly fir properties near Eugene, and the Boise Cascade-Templeton Lumber Co. merger of pine and fir interests.

Douglas fir production estimate for 1959 was 8,400,000,000 board feet, up 5 per cent. Orders and shipments were close to the same figures.

Western pine's production was estimated at 9,200,000,000 feet and shipments at 9,280,000,000—both up 13 per cent. It was the first time shipments had ever gone over 9 billion feet in a year and the second time production had done it.

And when lumber headed out from the mills at the close of the year, it carried a price tag 7 to 8 per cent higher than it did at the start.

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## Death Mileage Rate Declines

CHICAGO (UPI)—About 38,000 Americans died in traffic accidents in 1959. But the year was the safest in the history of the nation's highways.

These contradictory figures were released today by the National Safety Council, which estimated the 1959 traffic death toll at between 37,500 and 38,000—almost 1,000 more than last year.

But the year's mileage death rate was 5.4 for every 100 million miles traveled — the lowest on record.

"There is good reason to hope that the upward surge of the traffic toll in the early months of this year has been definitely stopped and that the nation's streets and highways will become safer and safer," a council spokesman said.

Probably the most tragic figure was the 1,400,000 persons disabled by auto smashups. This was an increase over the 1958 total of 1,350,000 disabling injuries.

Safety Council officials first feared a record-smashing total of 40,000 or more traffic deaths during 1959. From January to August, American motorists killed themselves off at a record pace—1 to 3 per cent more than during corresponding months of 1958.

But safety took over during the last five months.

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## Coal Tar Ban Is Delayed

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Commissioner George P. Larrick expects to decide by then whether to hold public hearings asked by lipstick makers. The manufacturers have protested that the ban would affect about every lipstick on the market and could ruin their business.

FDA officials had said the dyes caused illness and death when included extensively in the diet of laboratory rats. The makers said there was no substantial proof that humans could be harmed by the dyes.

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## Repeal Move To Commence

PORTLAND (AP)—A move to repeal the city's urban renewal ordinance will be pushed despite a legal opinion that it will have no effect on a project already under way.

A backer of the repeal move, Frank J. Jerulli, said Wednesday he does not believe the city is obligated to complete the project, south of the downtown area, regardless of the outcome of the initiative.

"Every property owner in South Portland is supporting the initiative, and we're getting calls from all over the city, offering help," Jerulli said.

Attorney Alton John Basset of the Urban Renewal Recall committee said: "Any contract can be broken. The question is: What is the penalty?"

A recent legal opinion said the contract with the federal government for the project could not be broken, and therefore the initiative would not stop the South Portland project.

## Health Chief Given Honor

PORTLAND (AP)—Dr. Harold M. Erickson, who is resigning Jan. 13 as Oregon health officer, was honored at a testimonial dinner here Wednesday night.

Speakers included Gov. Mark Hatfield, who praised Erickson's work. Other speakers were Dr. Carl Holm, president of the state Board of Health, and Tom Lawson McCall, Portland television commentator, who was master of ceremonies.

When Dr. Erickson announced his resignation last month, he said that one of the reasons was Oregon's declining health program. He said inadequate state and county support was responsible.

## Sewage Project Given Approval

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) said Wednesday the federal government has approved a grant for a sewage project at Vernonia, Ore.

The Department of Health, Welfare and Education approved a \$19,152 grant for a stabilization pond, pump station, force main and outfall sewer, Norblad said in a release from his Washington, D. C., office.

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**SECOND WINTER OLYMPICS**  
The 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, Calif., is only the second to be held in the United States. Lake Placid, N.Y., played host to the games in 1932.

**OIL FROM THE WATERS**  
Approximately 10 1/2 per cent of the free world's total oil production in 1957 came from beneath the waters of Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela.

**MARATHON WINNER**  
Only American ever to win the Olympic marathon race was Johnny Hayes, who covered the distance in two hours, 55 minutes and 15.4 seconds in 1908.

**U.S. INDIAN TREATIES**  
The United States government, from the date of its formation until March 3, 1871, entered into 371 treaties with American Indian tribes.