

# Death-Driven Car Turns Halloween Parade Into Horror March; Two Die

ANOKA, Minn. (UPI) — A gay Halloween parade of costumed school children turned into a nightmare of horror late Tuesday when a runaway car with a dead man at the wheel roared through the rear of the marchers and plowed into spectators.

Children, many of them masked and wearing spook and goblin costumes, were tossed into the air. Older adults and youths were knocked down "like a bunch of tenpins."

Two elderly women were killed. Twenty-three others, including 18 children, were injured.

Ironically, a town fire engine scheduled to follow the marchers and protect them from traffic was called out on a run as the parade started.

Police identified the dead as Otto Erickson, 76, driver of the 13-year-old car which caused the tragedy: Mrs. Harry Laird, 60, Coon Rapids, Minn., and Mrs. Georgia Dowdell, 79, Anoka.

Erickson was dead of an apparent heart attack seconds before the accident. Mrs. Laird died at the scene and Mrs. Dowdell died a short time later in a hospital.

Two children and an adult were in critical condition. The accident was all the more tragic in that the annual pageant in this self-proclaimed "Halloween capital of the world" was set up in 1920 to turn youngsters

away from the usual holiday pranks and give them a safe, enjoyable Halloween. The 42nd annual pageant started as usual Tuesday with 5,000 children dressed in weird costumes parading gaily along main street in this Minneapolis suburb. Erickson was behind the marchers in his ancient car. Suddenly, he slumped over the steering wheel and his foot jammed on the accelerator.

The car roared through a red light, ran into youngsters marching at the rear of the parade, jumped a divider strip in the middle of Main Street, hit a parked car, shot across an intersection, sheared off a light pole and two parking meters and ran into more persons. It hit another auto and stopped in front of a mortuary. The car door swung open and Erickson's body fell out into the street.

## Forest Funds Allotted To 30 Oregon Counties

SALEM (AP) — More than \$10 million in federal forest funds has been distributed to 30 Oregon counties, Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said Tuesday.

He said the money represents 25 per cent of sales of timber, forest reserve rentals and other income from federal timberlands for the year ending June 30, 1961.

The largest single share was \$2,610,866, to Lane county, with \$1,352,168 to Douglas County second.

The total was \$10,224,466. The largest share of revenue from a single national forest was \$2,877,321 from Willamette National Forest and it was divided among six counties.

The total by counties showed: Baker, \$55,460; Benton, \$40,413; Clackamas, \$719,677; Coos, \$56,436; Crook, \$143,990; Curry, \$353,606; Deschutes, \$209,503; Douglas, \$1,352,168; Grant, \$288,430; Harney, \$140,615; Hood River, \$295,716; Jackson, \$374,786; Jefferson,

## No Decision On Primitive Area Bills

MCCALL, Idaho (AP) — Rep. Grace Plost, D-Idaho, chairman of a House public lands subcommittee conducting hearings on Senate-approved wilderness legislation, said her group will make no decision until after the first of the year.

At the windup of a two-day hearing here Tuesday, Mrs. Plost said all views will be considered and that no decision will be made until after Jan. 31 when a report is due from the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

She said she is one of four congressmen on that commission. The Senate passed a bill 78-8 last summer which sets aside wilderness areas. Mrs. Plost said the House subcommittee is getting public sentiment on that bill but has other proposed measures, too.

Many opponents have said it would be premature to enact wilderness legislation until the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission makes its report.

And Mrs. Plost said no such legislation would go through the House until that report is made.

Mrs. Plost and Rep. Arnold Olsen, D-Mont., heard the testimony here Tuesday and Monday and had another session scheduled Wednesday in Montrose, Colo.

Olsen said major questions to be answered revolve around how much and how fast public domain land should be converted to private ownership and whether multiple-use leads eventually to private ownership and thus single use.

## Crazy-Clean Girls Need Doctor, Too

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: Occasionally in your column women write about husbands who won't bathe and refuse to brush their teeth. These wives have to sneak their husband's underwear away at night to put in the laundry. You have pointed out, and correctly so, that such people are sick.

You seldom say anything, however, about the people who are at the opposite end of the behavioral pole. I refer to the crazy-clean women who make a fetish of cleanliness. They are sick, too.

My mother was one. She would never shake hands with anyone because she was afraid of "germs." Her home was antiseptic. She even polished the telephone mouthpiece with disinfectant twice a day.

These clinical perfectionists use such techniques to bolster their egos. They try to be so flawless that no one can find fault with them. In reality they are dissatisfied with themselves—and unsure.

The well-balanced personality is somewhere in the middle. He wants things to be reasonably clean, but he can stand a little dirt, too. I wish you'd say so.

—A PHYSICIAN  
Dear Physician: You did. And I thank you.

Dear Ann Landers: I am mar-

rying a swell guy soon. Before he started to date me he went steady with a girl I couldn't stand. She tried everything in the book to get him away from me but failed. Finally she gave up and moved out of town.

I want her to know that Russ and I are getting married, but I don't want her to attend the wedding. Would it be too unheard of to send her a wedding invitation and write on it, "This is just for your information. Please do not attend."

Thank you for your answer, whatever it is.—LUCKY LOUISE  
Dear Lucky Louise: Don't send her an invitation. Someone will be only too happy to give her the "news."

Dear Ann Landers: How come a smart tomato like you was taken in by that Big Noise From Winnetka who signed himself "On To Her?"

He claimed that he was just about to give his girl a ring when word drifted back from his pals that she had been chummy with almost every guy in town.

Honestly, how dumb can you get? Don't you know this world is full of lousy men who, when they can't get what they want from a girl, make up vicious lies about her to get even?

These same men cooperate beautifully with the easy-marks. It's sort of a "thank you for the favor" arrangement. I've heard many men protect tramps and then run some virtuous girl into the ground. So why don't you get with it, Sister?—HIP HELEN.

Dear Helen: Sorry, I don't buy your neatly packaged theory. Of course there are some heels who will cheerfully muddy a girl's name when they can't get to first base. But this kind of guy fools no one. Whatever he says is taken with a ton of salt.

It's a safe bet that a girl's reputation bears at least a family resemblance to the kind of person she really is. You can count on it.

To learn the knack of feeling comfortable with the opposite sex, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "How To Be Date Bait," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## Unions Talk Con Labor

PORTLAND (AP) — Contractors and representatives of the Building Trades Council met Tuesday, but did not agree on a plan of action against the use of convict labor on state buildings.

The State Board of Control voted 2-1 earlier this year to approve the use of prison workers on a women's prison in Salem and a greenhouse at Damascus State Hospital at Wilsonville.

Jim Marr, executive secretary of the state AFL-CIO, said another meeting was scheduled for Nov. 14. Marr said not many employer representatives attended Tuesday's meeting. He said he has not heard of any associations favoring the use of convict labor on state buildings.

BPA Proposes Power Measure  
OLYMPIA (AP)—State officials have received a draft of legislation intended to make sure the Pacific Northwest gets sufficient power in case a plan to sell power to California becomes a reality.

The legislation is from the office of the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland. A spokesman for the BPA said the proposed bill was drafted after consulting governors of Northwest states and other interested persons.

Conservation Director Earl Coe said the legislation presumably will be introduced in the next congressional session.

## Headon Crash Kills Two Men

BAKER (AP) — The drivers of two vehicles were killed Tuesday evening in a headon collision on State Highway 7 about five miles southeast of Baker.

The victims were John Givens, about 40, Baker and Airman I.C. Ira L. Francis, 24, stationed with the 821st Air Force Radar Squadron at Baker.

State police said Givens' two brothers, Roy, 44, and Rex were hospitalized with injuries suffered in the accident.

The accident brought Oregon's 1961 traffic toll to 416 — the highest ever recorded by this date. The October toll was 48, in the Associated Press tabulation.

## 'Green Belt' Law May Face Court Injunction

SALEM (AP) — A Polk County land developer said Tuesday he will seek a court injunction if the Polk County Court seeks to implement the 1961 Legislature's "green-belt" law.

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Emmet Rogers who resides near West Salem, said in a strongly-worded letter to the county court at Dallas that the new law shifts some of the burden of property tax payments from one class — owners of large tracts of land — to smaller owners and residential and business properties.

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## Klamath Milk 'Floor' Dropped Seven Cents

SALEM (AP) — The price that distributors must pay producers for bottle and can milk in the Klamath Falls area was reduced 7 cents per hundred pounds Tuesday by the State Agriculture department.

Kenneth W. Sawyer, state milk stabilization administrator, said the price per hundred pounds will drop from \$6.16 to \$6.09 effective Nov. 1.

This price is set up for 4 per cent butter fat content milk used in bottle and can trade under the state milk stabilization act.

The dairymen actually receive an average or blend price that is less than the minimum set under the law.

This is because so-called surplus milk that is sold for manu-

facturing brings a price about one-half of the floor price for bottle and can milk.

The bottle and can milk runs

about 70 per cent, but in some dis-

tributor pools it is higher and others it is lower.

Falls area, which includes Lake, Klamath and Harney counties, follows a hearing held Sept. 14 in Klamath Falls.

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