

GIRL KILLED, ONE HURT BY TAXICAB

One girl was killed and another seriously injured about 9 o'clock last night when they were struck by a taxicab as they walked along Bothell Way near East 83th Street, the coroner's office reported.

The driver of the taxicab, identified as Flornetta Hatfield, 2008 E. 102nd St., from cards found in a purse near the scene of the accident, Deputy Coroner Ben Hallgrimsrud said.

The injured girl told attendants at Waldo General Hospital her name was Dorothy Ott, 17 years old. Her condition was serious.

Miss Hatfield, 19 years old, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hatfield, and was an Army Engineer's stenographer. Miss Ott, a being engineer, lived with her.

The driver of the taxicab, T. O. Bryant, 2225 1/2 Second Ave., told Hallgrimsrud he did not see the girls until just before the taxicab struck them and that there appeared to be only one person in front of him.

The injured girl apparently walked a block from the scene to a neighboring auto camp, from where she was taken to the hospital.

Bryant was told to report the accident to Acting Coroner C. L. Harris Monday morning, when a complete investigation will be made.

The fatality was the fourth for 1944.

William Thomason, 62 years old, 3450 15th Ave. W., died at 7:55 o'clock last night in Harborview County Hospital from injuries received when struck by an automobile New Year's Eve.

Joseph Price, 35, of 318 W. 88th St., died at 7:30 a. m. Jan. 1, 1944, well-known former Seattle newspaper man and King County jailer, were killed in accidents early yesterday.

Harry Thomas, 53-year-old laborer, 2225 Utah St., suffered a fractured right leg and face cuts about 8:30 o'clock last night when he was struck by an automobile as he crossed First Avenue South near Lander Street.

Traffic investigators reported that Thomas was not in the pedestrian crosswalk when struck, and the driver of the automobile, Clarence C. Walters, 1722 Minor Ave., was not held.

Harborview County Hospital attendants said Thomas' condition was good.

Three persons were injured at 7:30 o'clock last night at 19th Avenue North and East Denny Way Shirley Leinn, 28, of 524 1/2 Broadway, suffered lacerations, and Mrs. Sterling Summers, 347 19th Ave. N., suffered head cuts. They were treated at Harborview.

Theodore J. Brighton, 25, of 510 Broadway, drove the car in which the three were injured. The other vehicle was driven by Paul C. Wood, 21 years old, 1902 16th Ave.

Traffic investigators R. D. Rayburn and H. S. Zandy said Brighton and six passengers all are deaf mutes.

Bombers Found Demolished; 24 Believed Dead

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 1.—(UP)—Two heavy Army bombers missing from Wendover Field, Utah, since late Wednesday were found tonight by the Civil Air Patrol. Both planes are reported demolished on the west shore of Great Salt Lake.

Capt. Carl Hellberg, wing operations officer for the C. A. P., who made the discovery, said apparently all the 24 officers and enlisted men aboard the two planes had perished. Captain Hellberg said the wrecked planes were within 100 feet of each other. One of the B-24's was burned almost completely and the other also was damaged by fire, he said.

Ground crews are expected to reach the wreckage early Sunday. Names of the crew members have not been made public by officials at the Wendover Air Base, pending notification of the next of kin.

Damages

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coach jerked through the trolley wire switch, and the lady was jostled down the aisle.

"She dropped her lunch box and stepped on it. The driver turned around and said, 'Damn sorry.' The irate lady replied sarcastically, 'I'm not sorry, but I'm mad.'"



JOHN F. COOPER
Claims are his headaches

"Why don't you stop with a jerk the next time."

"As far as the other passengers were concerned, the incident was closed. But the city got a claim for 50 cents for a dented lunch box.

Another personal injury claim came from the man who couldn't work the buzzer. "He was so provoked because he was carried past his stop he turned to the driver and said, 'A-F go-and-so, come on out here and fight!' Robb related.

"The bus driver objected and said he was to busy to fight, but the amused passengers insisted, 'Oh no! we've got lots of time. Go ahead.'"

"So the bus driver got out and inflicted personal injury on the claimant."

Robb particularly likes to recall the case of the woman who sought reimbursement for "pain and suffering" after she threw her purse on the seat and then sat down, forgetting the purse contained an open knife blade.

"The list of woes inflicted by the Transit System, as set forth in the claims on file, covers unbelievable ground."

New Dishes Smashed

A coach lurched and a lady dropped her parcel containing \$1.68 worth of new dishes, which she says the system should replace. A bus emitted a sooty cloud of smoke from its exhaust just as a pedestrian strolled by, and ruined an imported tweed suit.

One person stumbled when a bus lurched and broke another's umbrella, "which was brand new and cost \$2 and should be replaced."

Another was merely standing on the corner in the rain, and a bus drove by and splashed mud over a newly-cleaned spring outfit. Still another sat on the seat after a mechanic smeared it with grease.

"And I didn't know as many silk stockings were still in circulation as develop runs on the buses," Cooper said.

Something Overlooked

Robb interjected: "We've investigated damage claims for everything—except one article." "Nobody has ever claimed damages for bottles of whiskey shattered in the coaches."

In the meantime, claims fall in the basket with monotonous regularity, such as the man who asked for \$75 reimbursement and explained, "I was stopped at a red light, minding my own business. One bus coasted into the rear of my car, smashing the rear lights and crushing the right fender. Another bus, going around the pile-up, swiped the bumper and crushed the left fender. Enclosed is the bill for repairs."

Land purchases in Australia will not receive the approval of the Treasury unless the purchaser has made a satisfactory investment in war bonds, and deals of more than \$40,000 must include a dollar-for-dollar investment.

SLASH IN 'GAS' RATION ASKED

An immediate cut in the value of a gasoline ration coupons from 3 to 2 gallons was proposed last night by C. Clinton Freestone, president of the Washington Gasoline Dealers' Association, as means of combating the nation's acute gasoline shortage.

The request for a straight one-third gallonage cut in basic mileage rations will go to the Office of Price Administration after it receives expected approval from the association's board of directors Tuesday, Freestone said.

Strong Protest Drafted

The association also is drafting a strong protest to the Petroleum Administrator for War over the report that certain service stations here will be delegated to serve the automobiles of war workers exclusively, he stated.

Meanwhile, hundreds of motorists yesterday found it impossible to buy even the few gallons of gasoline with all but a few of Seattle's hundreds of stations closed because of the shortage of gasoline and the holiday.

Many stations were out of gasoline with no prospect of receiving additional supplies until tomorrow, when companies resume deliveries. Hundreds of motorists in Portland, Or., found it impossible to buy even their allotted three gallons of gasoline, and dozens of service stations were closed, press dispatches reported.

4 Killed, 6 Hurt In Army Bomber Crash

AVON PARK, Fla., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Four men were killed and six others injured, one critically, when a heavy Army bomber on a combat training flight crashed early today near the Avon Park Army Air Field, Army officials announced tonight.

There are 28 states in the Republic of Mexico, each having its own governor, Legislature and judiciary named in general elections.

Freestone said his organization held the view that designation of a few stations to serve war workers was impractical. If only a limited number of stations were selected, their capacity would be insufficient to handle the big load, he said.

The proposed plan of designating stations for war workers was disclosed by Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator for war, in Los Angeles Thursday.

Freestone estimated that a one-gallon cut in the value of A ration coupons would reduce gasoline consumption between 10 and 15 percent. He said he would recommend that the value of E, C and truck coupons be left unchanged.

The dealers' association is composed of several hundred independent dealers in Seattle and vicinity.

Cider Penicillin May Perk Up Sad Snoos Tree

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HUNTS POINT, East Shore Lake Washington (via the Floating Bridge), Jan. 1.—Pitiless publicity, plus an upsurge of Yuletide conscience, has restored the stolen Snoos Tree to the atelier of Sam Groff, Seattle Times cartoonist and savior of the celebrated plant.

It would have been a happy day for Groff when he found the Snoos Tree back on its old stand by the window, if the drooping plant didn't look more like a sprouting black-thorn shillalah than an honest-to-goodness broad-leaved species of rosarians.

Groff took one look at the plant, dashed out of the office and hurried to his East Shore home to skim penicillin off the hard cider and start the long, hard pull to bring his ailing pet back to normalcy.

"It'll be a tough job," said Sam, shaking his head sadly. "Somebody has nibbled that plant like a snow-shoe rabbit whittles the bark off an Alaska birch. Look at the thing! It was an awful looking specimen when Farmer Dud Brown of Bear Creek brought it in last fall, but I saved it with aspirin and loving care. Now if my home brew penicillin doesn't take hold, the plant's doomed."

"I accused Richard W. Buchanan, general manager of the Washington State Press Club, where the plant was taken after it was stolen from my office, of having loved the tree, but he hasn't changed his mind since his grandpappy dusted his pants for the offense back in Kaintucky some 50 years ago. They can't do these things to a Groff and his Snoos Tree."

"Brown, the Indian giver, stole the tree from me, I don't know where he brought it back, but if the plant fails to regain its stately beauty, as I said before, there'll be feudin' on Bear Creek."

VICTIM OF CABIN ACCIDENT DIES

Julius J. Budig, 60 years old, 5217 Palatine Ave., who was taken to Harborview County Hospital Tuesday in critical condition from the effects of accidental suffocation, died at 10 o'clock last night, the coroner's office reported.

Budig was found unconscious in an automobile camp cabin with Mrs. Dymple Anne Spurrell, 52, of the same address, who died as a result of the suffocation.

Deputy coroner said both deaths were believed to have been caused by a lighted gas oven which consumed oxygen in the cabin, causing the pair to suffocate. Firemen revived Budig Tuesday, but failed to revive Mrs. Spurrell.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Bonney-Watson's.

Rainier District Club Group Elects

William J. Gray, delegate from the Rainier Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been elected president of the Rainier District Club Council, Inc.

Others chosen to fill posts in the organization were: Fred Bonker, past president of the Rainier Business Men's Club, vice president; Mrs. Clyde Medley, delegate from the Rainier Beach Women's Club, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. George Beck, delegate from the Empire Way Community Club, corresponding secretary.

Clayton Teague, the immediate past president, was made a three-year trustee.

DAIRY SUBSIDY IS CONTINUED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(UP)—The War Food Administration tonight continued the dairy subsidy program, with increases in minimum rates to be paid to producers during January.

The subsidy program, in effect since October 1, ranged from 30 to 50 cents a hundred pounds of fluid milk. The rate for January will range from 35 to 50 cents a hundred pounds. Subsidy payments on butter fats will range from 5 to 6 cents a pound instead of 4 to 5 cents as heretofore.

The subsidy payments, estimated to cost nearly \$20,000,000 a month, are intended to offset the rising production cost of milk since 1942 and to prevent an increase in prices to consumers.

The subsidy was extended for one month only because Congress is due to act on the administration's subsidy proposals this month. The House already has passed a bill to ban government food subsidies.

Blind Japanese Internee Is Thankful for Worship Right

Although James Y. Sakamoto, blind Seattle-born Japanese writer and publisher, spent Christmas in an internment camp, he still is able to find "much for which we can be thankful."

Sakamoto, writing from the War Relocation Authority Camp Minidoka at Hunt, Idaho, to Seattle friends, declared:

"Foremost of all, we are still a nation where to worship God is our individual right, where freedom rings true to conscience and where ultimate justice invariably springs from the hearts of people."

Sakamoto's letter told of Christmas in the internment camp.

"The midnight past, I attended the special Christmas Mass. Shortly before midnight, my wife and I started for the crudely improvised church about a mile away over rough terrain, muddied by a drizzling rain.

Way Is Dark

"There was no snow like last Christmas, when at midnight we had attended our first Christmas Mass (in the camp). The way was dark. We could not help but ponder what kind of Christmas it would be.

"The Mass turned out to be a beautiful affair... the quiet dignity of the occasion added slight courage to a new outlook on the salvation of America and our lives.

"It was a quiet Christmas day for me in this rather cramped one-room apartment for our family of seven," he wrote. "My wife went to work at the mess hall of this block to care for the children's feeding.

Children Enjoy Gifts

"The children were enjoying the gifts opened for them by their mother, as was the custom on past Christmases. This year there was no tree. Yet the children's Christmas was what it was intended to be and they were happy... seemed no different from Christmas days spent at home.

"The mess hall in each of the 35 blocks that make up this community was decorated with Christmas trees and what trimmings could be made or found. I was happy to note that a patriotic touch was included in the decorations.

It was significant of the community's remembrance of the boys who had volunteered and were now with the special Combat Team at Camp Shelby and at Camp Savage."

Sakamoto, a graduate of Franklin High School, founded The Japanese-American Courier, an English language newspaper in Seattle. In 1930, he organized the Japanese American Citizens' League, which subsequently spread to 54 chapters and 15,000 members throughout the United States.

Lutyns, Architect, Dies

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(UP)—Sir Edwin Lutyns, 74-year-old president of the Royal Academy, and a noted architect, died today.

SEATTLE TOUGH ON AUTO THIEVES

Seattle climbed to a top spot among cities of the nation in the recovery of stolen automobiles, despite the fact that the pinch of gasoline rationing has boosted car thefts sharply. Chief of Detectives Claude C. Fortner announced yesterday.

Working under Acting Detective Capt. J. R. McCarthy, 16 men in the auto-theft detail recovered 98.86 per cent of 2,303 cars stolen during 1943, as against 95.2 per cent of 1,938 cars stolen in 1942.

Fortner praised the work of the men in the auto-theft detail, who made 517 arrests in connection with car thefts during the year, compared with 338 arrests in 1942.

Man Hurt as Auto Fails to Make Turn

Patrick Lestrang, 41 years old, of Everett, suffered head injuries when the automobile he was driving failed to make a turn, broke a utility pole, knocked down a sign, crashed through an iron railing and came to rest against a building after plunging down a 5-foot embankment.

Traffic investigators reported the accident occurred in 15th Avenue West between West Armour and West Garfield Streets about 3:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Lestrang was taken to Harborview, where attendants reported his condition serious.

The four-horned antelope of Burma is the only living animal that does have four horns.

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