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WEATHER FORECAST

Bay Area: Clear, continued warm. High temperature Tuesday, 75 to 92; low, 52 to 57. Northwest winds.

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Downtown Traffic

Supervisors OK One-Way Plan For Eight Streets

By Richard Reinhardt

A new set of one-way streets, muttered about for years and hotly argued about for six months, finally won the endorsement of the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

Eight downtown streets will be altered by the Supervisors' decision: Stockton, Fourth, Kearny, Third, Jones, Hyde and Ellis streets and Grant avenue.

But Howard and Folsom streets, the two south-of-Market thoroughfares that city traffic planners had wanted to include in the one-way system, will remain in two-way operation—at least for

the present.

As a matter of fact, it will probably be several months before any of the new regulations will go into effect.

MUNI WIRES

The Municipal Railway will have to move its trolley coach wires over several of the streets—notably Stockton, Fourth and Kearny—before transit lines will be able to function on a one-way basis.

Captain Dan Kiely of the Police Department's traffic bureau said the entire new pattern of one-way streets would be established simultaneously as soon as the Muni has changed its wires.

In deciding to leave Howard and Folsom as two-way streets, the Supervisors bowed to a campaign of relentless opposition by industrial firms that insisted one-way restrictions would cause more incon-

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Police, Fire Gain in City Pay Raises

Salary raises for more than 7000 city employees—policemen, firemen, craftsmen and Municipal Railway operators—poured from the Board of Supervisors yesterday.

The workers will share an extra \$3,130,684 in their paychecks and pension funds this year.

SOME AUTOMATIC

Only the \$1,422,000 increase to police and firemen was an act of generosity by the board. The other raises were automatic: \$639,636 to the Muni carmen and \$1,068,941 to craft union members employed by the city.

In the case of police and firemen, the board is allowed to fix salaries at any scale up to the highest paid in a comparable California city.

As usual, the Supervisors decided to follow the lead of Los Angeles in granting an increase. They voted to lift the local pay for fourth-year patrolmen and hosemen from the present \$489 a month to \$516 a month. Men in higher ranks will get proportionately larger raises.

In the case of Muni drivers, however, a raise to be effective

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2 Seized in Holdup at Poodle Dog

Two sullen ex-convicts were under investigation last night for a series of recent big robberies in San Francisco, including the holdup of the Ritz Old Poodle Dog Restaurant late Sunday evening.

The men were taken into custody shortly after dawn by flying squad officers searching for the four gunmen who terrorized a dozen people—including the wife of Federal Judge George B. Harris—in the Poodle Dog stick-up.

One of the suspects, Walter E. Bigelow, 27, a baby-furniture salesman of 574 21st avenue, was tentatively identified by a motorist as one of two men who commandeered his automobile while fleeing the restaurant holdup.

RESEMBLANCE

"He looks something like the man with the gun who got in beside me and told me to start driving," said the motorist, Warren Deming, 37, 1101 Pine street.

Police said that Bigelow and his companion, Robert Mobray Jameson, 25, a seaman and mystery story writer, would be shown in a lineup to victims of the \$2700 June 9 robbery of the Olympic Club at Lakeside, and the

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Ike Against Tax Cuts For a Year

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON, July 15—President Eisenhower strongly warned Congress today against substantial tax reductions for small business or any other taxpayers, at least until July 1, 1958.

He made his position known in a letter to Representative Jere Cooper, (Dem-Tenn.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The President spelled out in some detail his views on legislative matter, affecting small business particularly. He endorsed four minor tax modifications to help small business.

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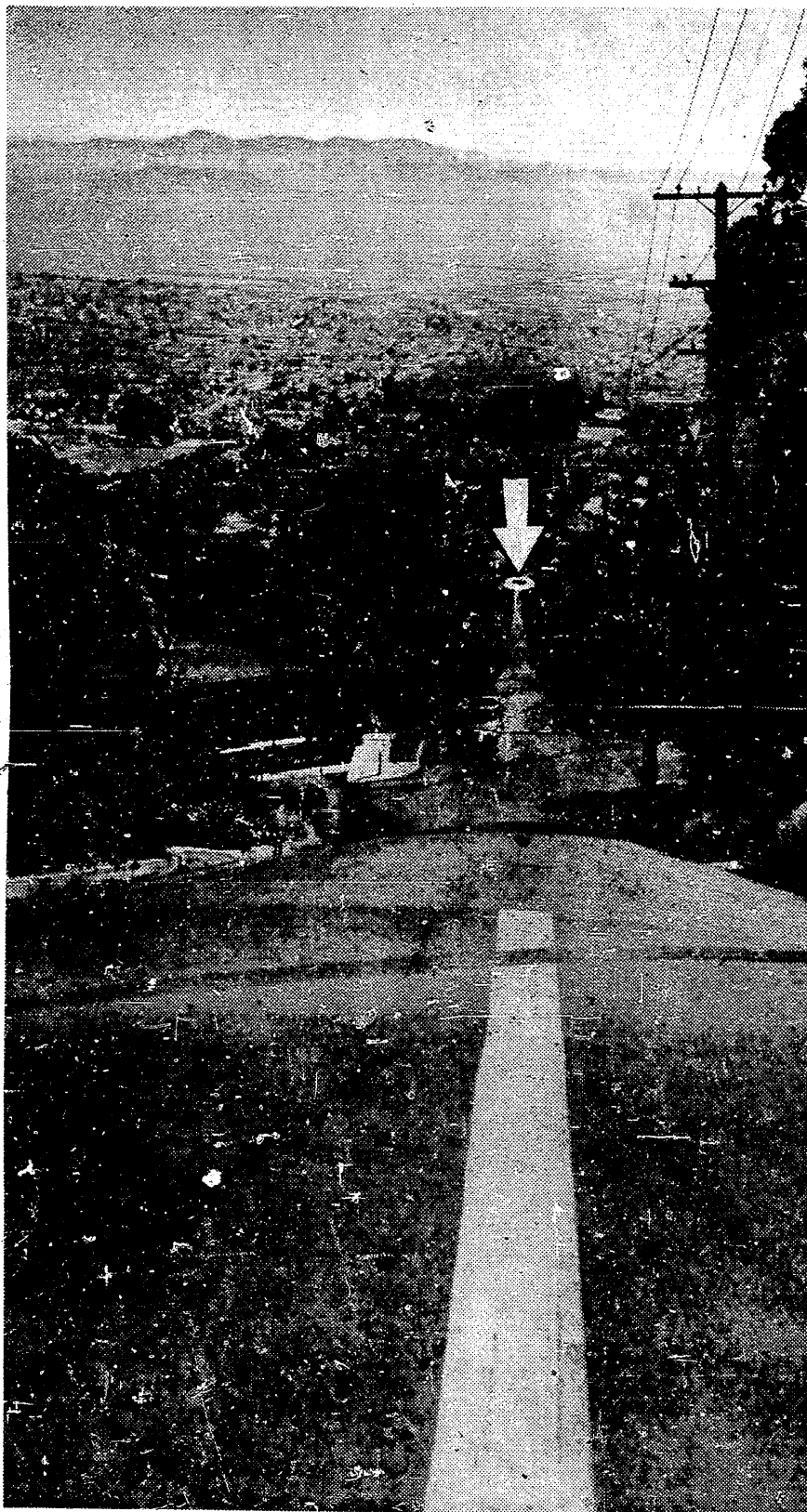
The President declared that he earnestly looked forward to reductions in tax rates for all taxpayers as soon as that becomes possible, but he ruled out any major changes during the current fiscal year.

Specifically, he said this was not the time to carry out a Cabinet committee recommendation that the tax rates on corporations earning less than \$25,000 be reduced from 30 to 20 per cent.

He also flatly opposed a

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The Fatal Route



Arrow indicates Arlington Circle where a runaway car smashed into a tree after a 14-block plunge down Marin avenue, the steepest street in Berkeley

Berkeley Crash

Terror Ride for 3 in 14-Block Runaway Plunge

A runaway sedan roared 14 blocks down Berkeley's steepest grade, Marin avenue, shortly before 3 p. m. yesterday, and crashed with terrific impact into a great elm.

The driver was killed, his two passengers injured.

Fortunately, the juggernaut met no traffic as it hurtled through four normally busy arterial stops—at Euclid, Spruce, Shattuck and Arlington.

The wild, unbraked race was abruptly halted when the car smashed through Arlington Circle.

The driver—Robert E. Holland 32, of 619 Amador street, Richmond, a Standard Oil employee—was killed instantly.

Taken to Herrick Memorial Hospital were Dorothy Kish, 33, a divorcee of 1929 Virginia street, Berkeley, and her 10-year-old son, Rickey.

She was in critical condition with a compound fracture of the wrist, broken left ankle and possible internal injuries. The boy suffered head cuts and an injured arm.

Rickey told Officer Wayne Campbell of the Berkeley police that they had gone horseback riding in the hills.

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Elks Elect Nebraskan Grand Ruler

By Roger Thompson

Robert L. Blackledge, 57-year-old Kearney, Neb., lawyer, was chosen at the Elks national convention here yesterday to head the fraternal order's 1800 lodges for the coming year.

Blackledge ran unopposed and was elected grand exalted ruler unanimously as Elks met at Civic Auditorium for the first business session of their five-day convention.

Delegates from Nebraska and Colorado whooped it up in the style of a political convention when Blackledge's name was placed in nomination.

They paraded with banners, placards, a band, noise-makers and a huge photograph of the candidate.

The Elks' new chief succeeds Fred L. Bohn of Zanesville, Ohio, who steps down at installation ceremonies Thursday morning.

Blackledge will guide the programs of 1.2 million Elks throughout the United States and its territories. He will also have over-all charge of

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Dutch Plane Falls Into Sea --56 Missing

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Tuesday, July 16 (AP)—A Dutch airliner crashed into the sea off New Guinea before dawn today and 56 persons—three of them British, the rest Dutch—were reported missing.

KLM airline announced 11 Dutch passengers and the Dutch stewardess were rescued. Some of them were reported injured but it was not known how many.

The missing included 48 passengers and eight crewmen.

Bound for The Netherlands, the Lockheed Super Constellation took off from Biak, New Guinea, with 59 passengers and a crew of nine. It plunged into 600 feet of water five miles from the Biak airport.

Most of the passengers were civil servants or Navy men and their families. Among the missing were 17 children.

Two entire families—one with three children and one with one—were among those saved. Also among the rescued were a father of six and one of his children.

The plane, named "The Neutron," was on a regular flight. Biak is on one of the smaller islands off the northern coast of western New Guinea, a Dutch colony. Eastern New Guinea is Australian.

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Dunsmuir Pastor, Jailed as 'Drunk,' Dies

Special to The Chronicle

DUNSMUIR, July 15 — The Siskiyou county coroner's office opened an investigation today into the death of a Dunsmuir minister who was jailed as a drunk after he apparently suffered a heart attack.

The minister was the Rev. George W. Thomas, 63, of the Full Gospel Truth Church here.

He fell unconscious in a

Dunsmuir bakery at 3 p. m. Saturday and was taken to jail and booked as "John Doe" on a charge of vagrancy.

Police Chief Lee Clark said his men found no identification on the jailed man, but after he died they discovered a wallet in his jacket pocket.

The wallet contained full identification.

"We diagnosed him as drunk," Chief Clark said today. "We thought he'd just

passed out; so we jailed him to sleep it off. That was at 3 p. m. At 4:20 p. m. we checked his cell, and he was still asleep. At 7:20 we checked again and he was dead.

"We looked for identification, but our four-man force was so busy with the aftermath of a big truck accident we had up here on Friday that we didn't find his wallet."

The minister's wife, Martha Thomas, said her husband suffered a stroke 18 months ago and had fallen unconscious several times since. She said he was widely known in the community as a non-drinker.

Deputy Coroner Lawrence Taylor of Mt. Shasta opened an investigation today and called for a complete pathological report.

State to Give Dunsmuir Escape Road

Special to The Chronicle

DUNSMUIR (Siskiyou county), July 15 — The State announced today it will rush construction of an emergency escape road to end the hazard of runaway trucks careening through this town's main street.

The announcement came as a second man died from injuries received in Friday's crash, when a huge truck and trailer cut a swath of damage along the street.

State District Highway Engineer H. S. Miles announced that construction of an escape route will start within a day or two. The road, to be covered with thick sand, will parallel Highway 99 for a third of a mile and curve gently uphill. A driver whose brakes fail on the downgrade will be able to veer his truck into the escape road and the sand and uphill grade will slow him to a stop.

Miles said the Dunsmuir project will take about a week to complete, with crews working at high speed.

The victim of Friday's crash who died today was Wilbur Jordan, 45, a Southern Pacific employee in Dunsmuir.

Runaway Car: It Plunges 14 Blocks

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After returning their mounts to the stable, they started back.

Almost immediately after they turned off Grizzly Peak boulevard onto the top of Marin, the 1950 two-door sedan began gathering speed. Marin has a 29 per cent grade at the top, a 12 per cent grade at Arlington Circle.

"Why don't you put the brakes on?" young Rickie said he asked, in some alarm.

"We haven't got any brakes," Holland replied, pumping the pedal helplessly.

"Why don't you use the emergency brake?" Mrs. Kish demanded.

"Haven't got any emergency," Holland cried.

Down the cliff-like hill the sedan bounced and rattled, lurched and hurtled — down through intersection after intersection. At each, and particularly when the bright red warnings of the stop signs loomed up, Holland thumbed the horn, steadily.

He apparently started down the hill in high gear and was never able to shift to a lower gear to brake his speed with compression.

The sedan, missing tragedy 14 times on its mile-race, burst upon the circle at a

speed well above 60 miles an hour. Five streets enter the circle—Marin, Indian Rock, Arlington, Los Angeles, and Del Norte.

At such momentum, Holland found it impossible to swing the sedan around the circle. It could go in only one direction—straight ahead.

The sedan hit the six-inch curbing of the circle so hard a front tire blew out and flew off. The car tore through the center lawn, barely avoiding a monumental fountain. It leaped off the far curb, the tireless rim ripping a gash in the curbing and plowing a furrow in the pavement.

The juggernaut then knocked over a sign, dug into another, narrow piece of lawn, and ended its deadly journey against the sturdy trunk of the elm, next to a house at 1992 Los Angeles. (Nine years ago another runaway car had smashed through the hedge there and crashed into the house.)

The impact was so powerful that the engine was rammed into the front seat, crushing Holland to death and pinning the severely injured Mrs. Kish. It sent a cloud of oily smoke billowing out.

Bob Beck, 16, of 1053 Mar-

270 Reported Drowned as Russ Ship Hits Rocks

TEHRAN, Iran, July 15 (AP) Press reports reaching here today said 270 persons were drowned when a Russian vessel was wrecked yesterday in the Caspian sea.

Russian officials at Port Pahlevi, on the Caspian, said the vessel crashed into rocks between Salyany and Baku during a heavy storm while en route to Baku.

The reports said none of the 270 on board survived.

The boat belonged to the Soviet Fisheries Ministry and had been carrying passengers and food supplies to Baku from Russia.

posas street, was at the circle when the sedan came down.

"It flashed past me," he said. "Then it hit with a terrible smash, like a bomb going off. The kid (Rickie Kish) was thrown out."

Two unidentified phone company repairmen and John R. Casey, of 1021 Pomona avenue, Albany, passing by, hurried to aid the victims.

Prisin-Zano Named

J. E. Prisin-Zano, San Francisco attorney, was named regional counsel yesterday for the Federal Public Housing Administration in nine western States, Alaska and Hawaii.

Lineup for Robbery Victims

2 Held in Poodle Dog Holdup

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\$3600 holdup May 27 of the El Rey Theater.

Both Bigelow and Jameson are on parole from San Quentin—Bigelow for robbery and Jameson for burglary. Both maintained a sulky silence when questioned by police.

"They won't tell us where the nearest church is," said one officer.

The loot in the Poodle Dog holdup amounted to \$154.82—but the fleeing robbers left behind a bag containing \$920.18 they had scooped out of the restaurant safe.

They presumably left the bag behind as they frantically concentrated on seeking a means to escape. Thirty policemen were at the front door of 65 Post armed with shotguns and tear gas, and instructing them by loud speaker to come out with their hands up.

A waiter, Gill Hodges, 35, 407 Broadway, sneaked into the basement when he saw the four gunmen enter the front door, and rode a side-

walk elevator to the street to notify a cabbie, who called police.

Officers dared not risk a gun battle, because they knew there were at least half a dozen late diners in the place, including two children. In addition, Manager Louis Lanne and his wife, and four employees were inside.

When the bandits heard the police command "come out with your hands up," they smashed through a skylight, traversed a lightwell, and emerged on Market street through the Bunker Hill Building at 660 Market street.

Back in the restaurant, police found not only the bag of loot, but the nylon hose worn by two of the bandits as masks. They found two hats, also, and 13 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition.

The late diners, who included Judge Harris' wife, were frightened but unharmed. The children were Patricia Heintz, 7, and her brother, Robert 10, who were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heintz, of Los Angeles.

A quick check of all parked automobiles in the surrounding area showed ten with warm engines. Their license numbers were radioed to Sacramento and back came one that police considered "hot."

Officers found that the automobile which belongs to Bigelow had been parked at 128 Kearny street — around the corner from the Poodle Dog — during the holdup. They recognized his name as that of an ex-convict.

Police sped back to Kearny street but the car was gone.

Cruising officers of the crime prevention detail—the so-called "flying squad"—spotted it later parked at Geary and Jones, and waited for someone to claim it.

An hour later Bigelow and Jameson drove up with two women and Bigelow. One woman got out to enter the car that was being watched. Both men were arrested.

4 Peninsula Holdups In Half Hour

Four holdups, probably by four different gunmen, were attempted within half an hour last night in northern Santa Clara county.

Two were successful and two failed.

The timetable: 10:25 p.m. — A-1 Liquors, 3866 El Camino Real, south of Palo Alto — by a man wearing a baseball cap and dark glasses. Loss: \$100.

10:40 p.m. — Village Market, Los Altos — by a man wearing a stocking over his head. Owner Robert Hess said he lost "several hundred dollars."

10:45 p.m. — Cesano's Liquor Store, 4335 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, where owner James Cesano hit the bandit over the head with a bottle of soda pop, smashed him in the face with his fist, drove him away.

10:55 p.m. — Stella's Bar, Monta Vista — by a bandit who demanded the night's receipts. A customer frightened him away.

Royalty in Africa

SALISBURY, Southern Rhodesia, July 15 (Reuters) — British Queen Mother Elizabeth arrived here from Nyasaland today on the last stage of an African visit.



ROBERT JAMESON
Seaman and writer



WALTER BIGELOW
Salesman held

Proxy Slayer's Son Tells of the Plotting

Henry C. Simpson, convicted "proxy" slayer of his wife, yesterday called upon the son who did the killing to testify at a Federal Court hearing on the case here.

But the red-haired youth, Clarence Simpson, now living in a foster home in Modesto where the slaying of Vivian Simpson took place four years ago, swore for the first time ever that he killed his mother at his father's instigation.

Clarence, 17, had testified

at his father's trial that he himself was in on no plot to kill his mother, and said the shooting was an accident. But other evidence and testimony convicted Simpson of the "proxy" murder.

The 62-year-old former carpenter's claims that he didn't get a fair trial resulted in the habeas corpus hearing before Federal Judge Michael J. Roche.

Yesterday young Simpson swore that there was a murder plot hatched by his father, and that he himself pulled the fatal trigger.

Then his younger blond brother, Billy Simpson, now 15 and living in Turlock, took the stand and said that he also had once been told by his father to kill his own mother, but that he knew nothing of the actual death plot.

Both boys are wards of Stanislaus County Juvenile Court.

At the close of yesterday's session, Simpson was taken back to his cell on San Quentin's Death Row, and Judge Roche took the case under submission.

Razing Begun for Bank Building

Razing operations began yesterday at the southwest corner of Sacramento and Leidesdorff streets, to make room for the \$4 million, 12-story head office building of American Trust Co.

Western Air Opens Run To Mexico

The first United States airline service from the West Coast to Mexico City began yesterday.

Western Air Lines' inaugural flight left Seattle at 7:45 a. m. yesterday, made scheduled stops in Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and continued to the Mexican capital.

The trip will be made daily hereafter. It is scheduled to leave San Francisco at 1:05 p. m. and arrive in Mexico City at 10:10 p. m. (8:10 p. m. by San Francisco time).

Western received United States approval for the route in 1946, but was unable to obtain Mexico's approval until early this year.

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