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SARANAC LAKE, N. Y.

PHONES 2, 3 and 4

FIVE CENTS

3 AUTO CRASHES PUT 10 PERSONS IN HOSPITALS

Three automobile collisions in the Saranac Lake area yesterday hospitalized 10 persons. Rain-soaked highways were said to have been responsible for all three crashes.

Six of the victims were injured at 10:40 a. m. on Route No. 10, on a curve near the intersection of the Saranac Inn Hotel rd., the Floodwood rd., and the main highway, four miles west of Lake Clear.

Injured seriously and a patient in Mercy General Hospital, Tupper Lake under the care of Dr. Carter Morse, is Mrs. Eleanor Dunham, 24, of RD 1, Troy, with a punctured left lung and broken left ribs.

Her husband, Warren J. Dunham, Jr., 29, suffered a laceration of the forehead and to the left side of the head. Their four-year-old son, Leslie, escaped injury. Mr. Dunham was discharged after treatment.

Taken by ambulance to the Saranac Lake General Hospital where they were given treatment by Dr. Carl G. Merkel, and later discharged were Mildred C. Foster of 108 High Street, Geneva, with a laceration of the forehead and abrasions of both knees.

Leon W. Foster, same address, lacerated lip and abrasions of both knees. Miss Edna Cross, 56, Center street, Waterloo, cut inside of nose and right foot, and Mrs. Jennie Cross, 78, same address, cut above left eye, abrasions of the face and both legs.

State police said one car, driven by Mr. Dunham, was traveling toward Saranac Lake and the second car, driven by Mr. Foster, was going toward Tupper Lake, when they collided. Left front ends of both cars were extensively damaged.

Mrs. Cecelia Martinez of Niagara Falls, and her three sons, James, 5, Richard, 7 and Robert, 8, were admitted to Mercy Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in an auto accident about 12:15 p. m.

The crash occurred on Route 3 between Pierrefield and Gale, about eight miles from Tupper Lake. According to state police who investigated, the 1951 sedan operated by Dr. Fred C. McCollum, 114 Eagle street, Tenally, N. J., skidded on a curve and swerved to the left side of the road, colliding with the car operated by Isaac Martinez, which was proceeding west on Route 3.

Dr. McCollum was accompanied by his wife, Virginia, and son, Frederick W. McCollum, 14. All escaped injury.

Mrs. Martinez's injuries included several fractured ribs and contusions of the left knee. Her condition is described as satisfactory. Her youngest son, James, had indications of possible internal injuries. All three boys were hospitalized pending further examination.

News of the blaze, which started as a grass fire believed set by berry pickers, was first phoned to the department by an unidentified man working in the blowdown section near Vahl's Cabins. The alarm was received here at 3:10 and trucks returned to the firehouse at 5:40 p. m.

The conflagration spread from grass into a brush fire and then turned to the forests. Thirteen Saranac Lake volunteers, under the direction of Fire Chief Carl Smith, were joined by Conservation Department rangers who were alerted from four area fire towers.

The first to call in was Leslie Dinsmore, at Ampersand Mt. Look-out. Subsequent calls came from Bert Ducaat, at St. Regis, William Plumley, at Loon Lake, and John Wilson, Observer at Mt. Morris.

Rangers Mark Nugent, of Lake Placid, Jim Bickford, Howard Ellithorpe and Harold Parker, all of Saranac Inn headquarters of the Conservation Department, joined in fighting the blaze. Due to the low water level in the Duprey Pond, Conservation workers had to haul their portable pump to the center of the pond for sufficient water supply.

In addition to its regular equipment the Saranac Lake street flusher was sent of the scene and some 3,200 gallons of water were used.

Although the fire was kept clear of the 50-unit Duprey Cabin colony, both firemen and rangers stood guard some time after the blaze had been extinguished to make sure there would be no further outbreak.

Miss Truman Rides Through Reds' Zone BERLIN (AP)—Margaret Truman, daughter of the U. S. President, rode through the Russian zone to Berlin today for a two-day visit as part of her European tour.

Miss Truman arrived by special train and was met at the West Berlin railroad station by top American officials.

Asked how she enjoyed her ride through the Soviet zone, she smiled and said: "It was all right."

Confirmed HYASTA'S ESCAPE A Czech refugee said in Munich, Germany John Hvasta, an American, escaped with him and four other prisoners last Jan. 2 from a Czech prison where Hvasta was serving a 10-year sentence as a spy.

The refugee's story supported an official Czech announcement of Aug. 8 that Hvasta escaped Jan. 2 and that his whereabouts since are unknown.

ENEMY PLANT BLASTED Allied fighter-bombers turned a big North Korean chemical plant into a mass of raging flames in a concentrated attack with high explosives and fire bombs.

The Fifth Air Force said 150 planes, including Marine fighter-bombers, heaped destruction on the chemical plant near Namsok, which is about 30 miles northwest of Wonsan.

Fortune of Dead Hermit Found SOMERSET, Pa. (AP)—The search of an isolated home occupied by a wealthy man—who even in death was armed with a gun—is almost completed today but unsolved are the questions: Why did Samuel Jackson King live in such conditions while worth at least \$68,000? And how did he save so much?

Authorities who have probed the debris-littered mountain farmhouse where King lived have come up with nearly \$18,000 in negotiable bonds, old currency, gold and silver coins in addition to bank books, safe deposit vault keys and real

estate deeds indicating an estate worth approximately \$50,000. These were tucked away in places like a sofa, cookies jar and a woman's corset.

The whole thing started 10 days ago when King was found dead in a field on his farm.

King long ago had told the mailman that if the mailman ever found unclaimed mail in King's box he should immediately begin an investigation. A week ago last Tuesday that happened and the body of the 73-year-old recluse was found by neighbors and police in the field.

IKE, STEVENSON SET LABOR DAY THEIR "D - DAY"

By the Associated Press Like two great armies on the eve of battle, the clank and battle of maneuvering for position began to arise in earnest today from the Democratic and Republican camps.

D-Day—Labor Day, Sept. 1—was precisely three weeks away and there was much preparation for the two months of campaigning that will follow. The presidential election is Nov. 4.

At Denver, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower arranged for serious powwows after a relaxing visit yesterday with 35 American Indian tribes. The outcome of his conference with leaders of eight southern states may decide what kind of Republican thrust will be made into the Democrats' Dixie stronghold.

At Springfield, Ill., Democrats used words like "general" and "commander in chief" in a somewhat discordant, albeit good humored, discussion of just how firmly Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson will grasp the Democratic standard.

Eisenhower, after a southern-state conference, scheduled for meeting with some Republican members of congressional agriculture committees and other party farm leaders.

That underscores GOP determination to prevent what happened in 1948: Democratic success in the farm belt, generally given much credit for President Truman's victory.

Stevenson has arranged to see Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, unsuccessful candidate for the nomination, today in another of his fence-mending conferences with Southern leaders.

Tomorrow, Stevenson goes to Washington for a visit with President Truman and the Cabinet. It may be determined how big a role the President will play in the campaign.

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