

Many Nevada Deaths Laid To Accidents

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CARSON CITY, May 6 (UP)—
Accidents took more Nevada lives during the first two months of 1944 than any other single cause, John Sullivan, head of the bureau of vital statistics, state health department, reports.

A jump of 15 deaths due to accidental causes was recorded over the similar period of 1943. Heart disease, always heretofore the principal killer, dropped to second place, only 54 victims, 24 under the same period last year.

There was a decided drop in deaths, all causes, over the 1943 period, comparative figures showing only 290 Nevadans succumbed the first two months of 1944 and 302 during the similar span in 1943.

Births continued to increase in the state with 53 more reported in January and February of this year than the same period of 1943.

Infant mortality also improved, only 26 children under one year succumbing in the two-month span; last year 33 during the same period.

There was not a single homicide in the state during January and February. In the same two months of 1943 there were eight. Suicides also decreased, four persons ending their lives this year as compared with seven a year ago.

Nevada's toll from automobile accidents — including all persons who died in the state as a result of injuries received in such accidents regardless of where they occurred — also dropped.

Eight persons met death through automotive accidents; three in Clark county, three in Elko and one each in Mineral and Lander. Last year there were nine.

Pneumonia killed 37 in the first two months of 1943, but took only 23 lives this year; diabetes accounted for one more death, jumping from two to three; cancer resulted in only 15 deaths where a year ago the toll was 21; there were 12 deaths due to tuberculosis and 14 a year ago. Syphilis claimed seven lives compared with five last year.

Clark and Washoe counties had the largest number of deaths and births of any in the state, 108 deaths in Washoe in the first two months and only 56 in Clark, compared with Washoe's 91 in 1943 and Clark's 69. Of the deaths under one year of age Clark had only six this year compared with 13 a year ago and Washoe had eight as against 1943's nine.

On the birth side of the ledger this year Clark had 191 and Washoe 142, while a year ago the figures were Clark 158 and Washoe 129.



(NEA Telephoto)
White phosphorus bombs dropped by the Seventh Army Air Force envelop this small Central Pacific island in spectacular deathly embrace. Seventh AAF photo.

Virgin Valley Angelenos to Help Children

The Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce banquet honoring the state champions of Moapa Valley high school, in basketball, football, and F. F. A. public speaking was attended by sixty-eight people Monday evening in the library of Moapa Valley high school. Robert Waymire, president as chairman. Berkley Bunker of Las Vegas was guest speaker. Musical numbers were rendered by Reid Ivins and Charlotte Cooper. Brief speeches were made by Principal Grant Bowler, Coach L. R. Ivins, president of the school board, Kenneth Jensen; Hafen Perkins, captain of the football team and Richard Truman, captain of the basketball team and Kenneth Keates, F. F. A. public speaking winner, and Superintendent Seymour P. Fish. The banquet was under the direction of Miss Esther Fletcher, Home Economics instructor, assisted by the girls of the department.

Adequate milk supplies, clothing and toys will be provided Las Vegas Juvenile Home occupants from Los Angeles donors through cooperation of the national office of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps, it has been announced by the local corps.

While visiting this corps the national commanding officer, Victoria Brown, Lieutenant Colonel Carter and Major Zella Wallace, were conducted through the juvenile home, noted the sorry meagerness of facilities and supplies, and took steps to improve conditions. From the national office in Los Angeles a \$40 monthly milk fund is to be contributed for these children.

Major Wallace, commanding the first area, Hollywood, canvassed that community and obtained a considerable donation to be used towards suitably clothing money has been received by the corps here and will be expended by it in purchasing needed apparel.

It is now reported that the charitable Californians have contributed a large number of toys through the national WADCA office, which will be sent here. Mrs. Clara Pappas of the WADCA made the announcement.

Grant Eccles who has been ill with pneumonia has been brought home from the hospital in Las Vegas and is improving according to reports from his parents.

Mrs. Paul Nunn entertained at a bride luncheon Tuesday honoring Miss Marjorie Riley of Idaho. Guests included Mesdames Wallace Jones, W. C. Clive, Jr., Harold Doty, Perry Convas, Frank Natusch, Lynn Whitmore, Wanda Diehl, Alma Shurtliff, L. R. Ivins, F. E. Anderson, the hostess, Mrs. Nunn, and the guest of honor, Miss Marjorie Riley. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Harold Doty, Miss Marjorie Riley, and Wanda Diehl.

The senior class of Moapa Valley high school celebrated their annual "Sluff Day" Tuesday by a trip to Mount Charleston.

A business meeting of the Moapa Valley riding club is scheduled for Saturday at the Museum.

The schools of Educational District No. 1 will close Friday, May 12th.

The closing social of the Mutual Improvement association of the L. D. S. church was held Tuesday evening. A program was rendered as follows: Reading, Don Shurtliff; vocal solo, Waldo Perkins; retold story, Janice Earl; reading, Eldon Cooper; vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erickson; reading, Lou Jeanne Barlow; tap dance, Vera Alice Perkins and Connie Stucki; piano solo, Ruel Smith; brief speeches Mildred Robison, Joseph Skousen, Larry Page, and Bishop Milton Earl.

Kelly Thurston who has been stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri with the Signal Corps is spending a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thurston.

Mrs. Wallace Jones is spending a few days in Las Vegas with her daughter, Mrs. S. Weitzman.

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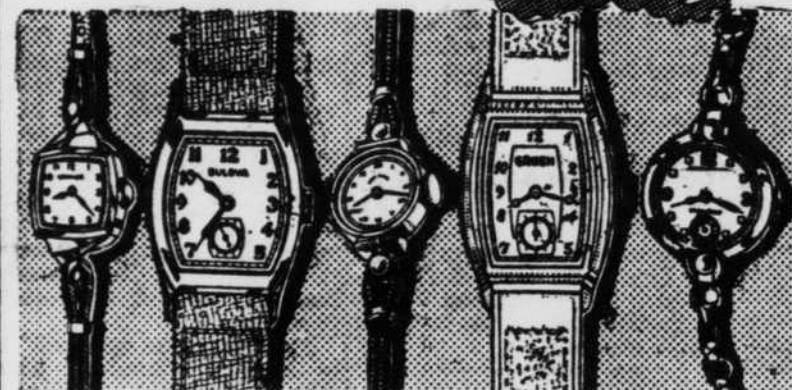


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