

### 3 Die in Collision With Oil Truck

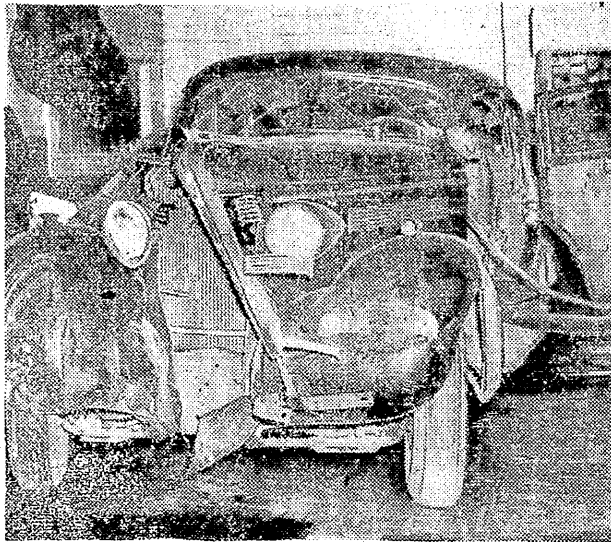
By DON CREW  
There was a shocked hush that only death can bring in the homes of three Seattle families this forenoon as bereaved parents began making funeral arrangements for three young men killed in an automobile-truck collision 18 miles east of North Bend last evening.

The three youths, school-day chums and virtually inseparable in life, were Harry Gilbert Picot, 18, years old, 934 W. 33rd St., Thomas Niclos, Jr., 19, 616 W. 84th St., and Clyde Richard Flood, Jr., 19, Lake Ballinger.

**Girl Hurt Critically**  
Another passenger in the automobile, Miss Jacquelyn Lecture, 18, of North Bend, was in critical condition with a head injury today in Snoqualmie Falls Hospital.

The automobile in which the four were riding skidded on an icy spot in the Snoqualmie Pass Highway and crashed against an oil truck driven by Arthur C. Bourse, 5637 11th Ave. N. E., about 8:30 o'clock, the State Patrol reported. Bourse was uninjured.

The three deaths raised the traffic toll for King County, exclusive of Seattle, to 14 this year, compared



—Photo by Grubbe.  
**DEATH CAR AFTER CRASH IN SNOQUALMIE PASS HIGHWAY**  
Left side of automobile was ripped open on impact



**HARRY G. PICOT**      **THOMAS NICLOS, JR.**

with 10 in the corresponding period last year. There have been 18 traffic deaths in Seattle this year, 7 more than at the same time last year.

Flood and Picot were killed instantly in the collision in Snoqualmie Falls Hospital four hours after the accident.

State Patrolmen M. D. McKain and M. J. McCarthy said the automobile, driven by Niclos, was traveling west when it skidded and crashed sideways against the oncoming truck.

#### In Ballard High Together

The three youths all had attended Ballard High School together, and had been friends for years. Niclos and Flood only recently had been released from the Army, in which they had served with the occupation forces in Japan.

Mrs. Mae Picot, mother of one of the youths, said she believed the three had gone to Snoqualmie Pass yesterday afternoon to make reservations to go skiing and were returning home when the accident occurred.

"Harry was always so happy, such a good boy," said Mrs. Picot. "I can hardly believe this has happened."

The Picot youth had been graduated last June from Ballard High. Since graduation he had operated a shingle machine for the Colonial Shingle Mill here and was the youngest member of the Shingle Weavers' Union in the city. Mrs. Picot said her son had been enjoying a week off from work because of a remodeling project at the mill.

Niclos had returned home only

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### PAINTERS TO TALK LICENSING LAW

A proposed state license law in the building industry will be discussed at the annual Washington State Conference of Painters (A. F. of L.) in Bellingham April 17 and 18. Robert Glynn, president of the conference and business representative of Seattle Local No. 300, Painters' Union, made the announcement today.

Approximately 60 delegates from locals of the union throughout the state will attend the conference, Glynn said. The proposed license law would include the painting industry along with other building trades, he said.

A state safety code, being drafted jointly by employers and the union, also will be discussed.

Another discussion topic will be the union's state labor-relations committee.

William R. Smith, Vancouver, vice president of the Washington State Federation, is secretary-treasurer of the conference.

### Blackburn Hall Barred For Politics

Blackburn Memorial Hall, which is connected with Blackburn Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will not be rented in the future for political meetings of any kind, it was announced today by M. O. Stillson, president of the Blackburn Memorial Hall Association.

Stillson said the association's house committee made that decision after the organization had been criticized for renting the hall for a Wallace-for-President meeting last Saturday.

The hall is at 12327 15th Ave. N. E.

**Ellensburg Curbs Heaters**  
ELLENSBURG, March 24. (UP)—The Ellensburg City Council has banned any further installations of flat-rate electric water heaters and ordered the removal of all such heaters in use by January 1, 1950.

### Bible-Reading Marathon To Open Friday

Boys in the Tracy Strong Hi-Y group at Queen Anne High School will hold their third annual Bible-reading marathon Friday and Saturday.

The marathon, which will be held at the Queen Anne Baptist Church, will start at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Each boy will read 15 minutes and probably will have two turns at it. Harold Sankey, 2603 29th Ave. W., chairman of the group, said the readers should complete the New Testament by 7 or 7:30 Saturday morning.

Thirty-one boys will participate, including 24 who took part in the reading marathon last year.

### Water Shut-Off

Water will be shut off in Magnolia Boulevard from West Dravus Street to Ruffner Street, and in West Bertona Street from Magnolia Boulevard to 45th Avenue West, between 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. tomorrow.

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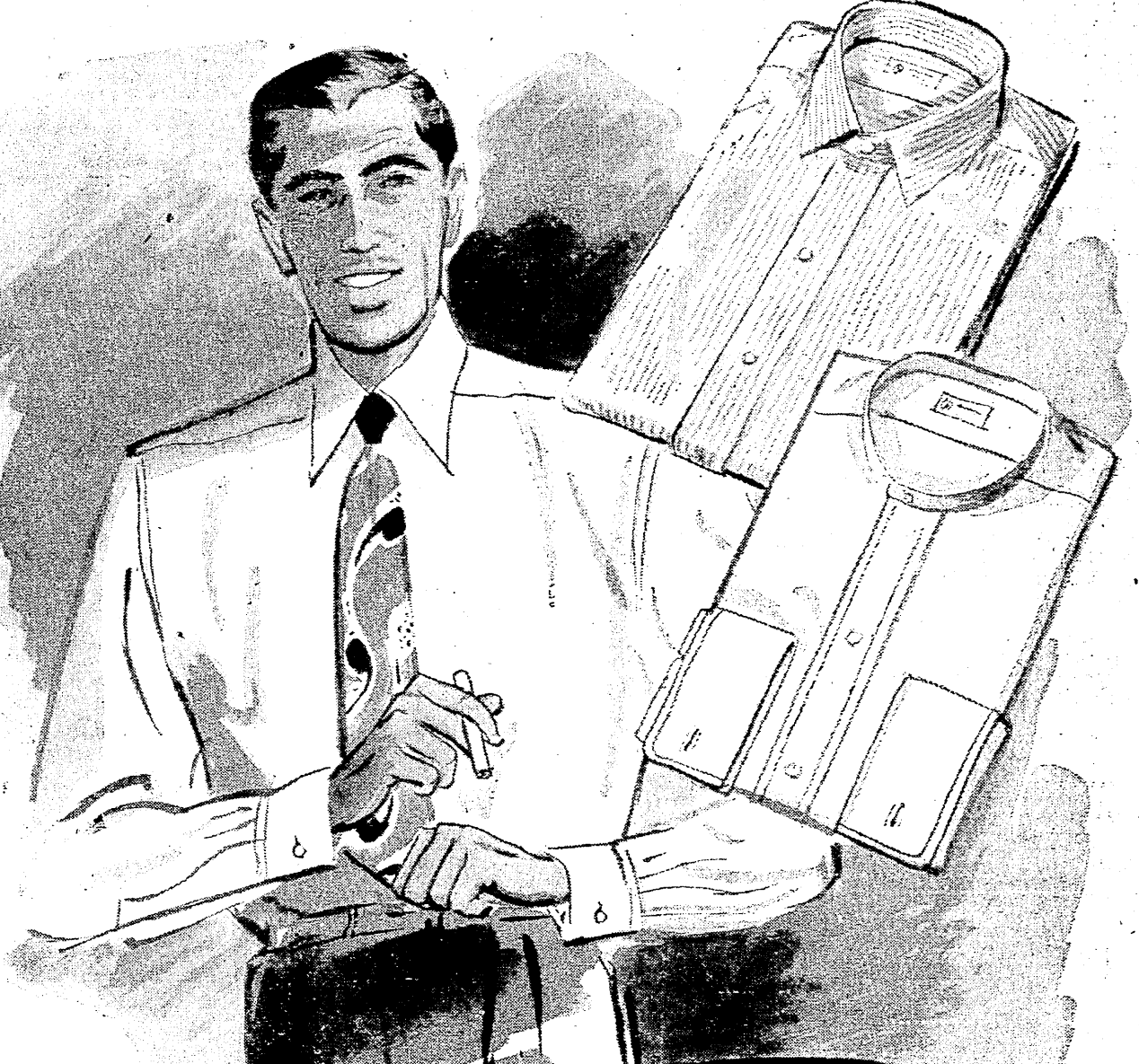
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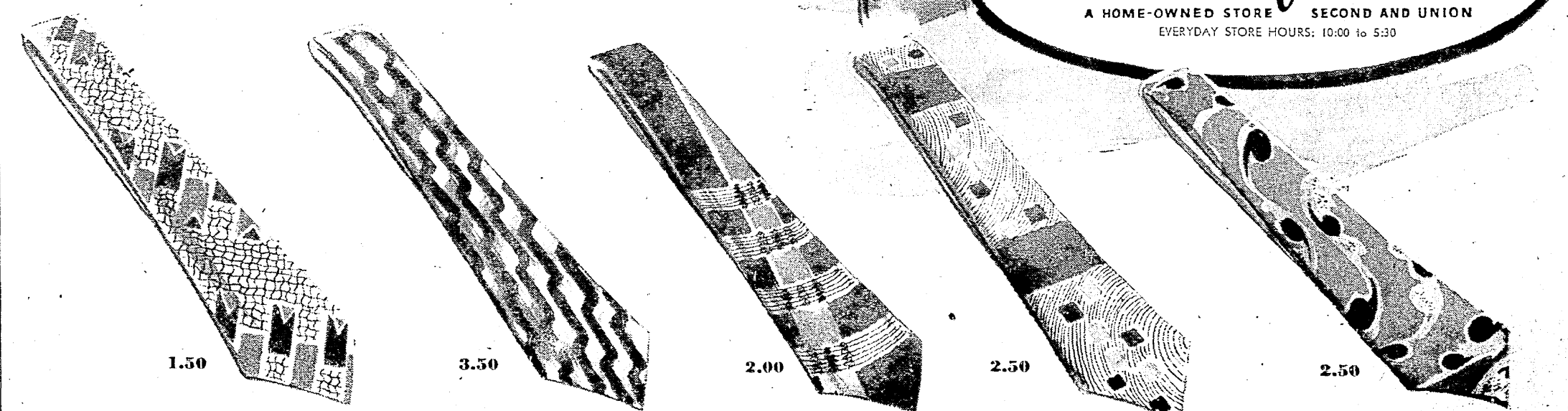
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