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HIGHWAY ECONOMIES

By Charles V. Stanton

Traffic accidents in Douglas County during 1952 cost \$1,427,250. This estimate is reported by Secretary of State Earl Newbury, based on figures compiled by the Traffic Safety Division of his office. Included as a part of economic losses are wages, medical expenses, overhead cost of insurance and property damage.

The cost of traffic accidents to the state as a whole is estimated at \$43,510,000 and is highest in state history. It is \$10,000,000 more than in 1951.

Douglas County was among the six top counties in traffic losses. Multnomah was first, \$12,516,000. Others are Lane, \$2,682,320; Marion, \$2,154,090; Jackson, \$1,427,250, Douglas, and Clackamas, \$1,905,300.

It is interesting to observe that these six counties all have exceptionally heavy traffic congestion. Roads and highways in these counties are totally inadequate for the volume of traffic they are called upon to bear. Furthermore, most of them are producing counties, which means they have more than average truck and industrial travel. They also are growing counties.

Economies Of Road Building

Better roads, in our opinion, would help the picture. We must admit, however, that improved highways usually lead to more speed with resulting increase in fatalities. Records prove that fatalities increase proportionately with speed. Accidents at slow speed may cause property damage but are less apt to cause death and injury. Accidents at high speeds usually result more seriously. As roads are improved and congestion eased, motorists take advantage of the situation to raise their speeds, often bringing about a higher casualty rate.

Yet, we believe, improved roads will materially reduce the economic waste resulting from traffic smash-ups.

We look at the tremendous cost of road construction and wonder if the state can bear the financial burden. It is costing a good many millions of dollars to reconstruct the Pacific Highway through Douglas County. Yet, if we can cut the cost of our traffic losses by as much as one-half, not many years would be required to repay the cost of highway building.

The State of Oregon for a four-year period is spending in excess of \$70,000,000 on road building. Contrast this, if you will, with the fact that the cost of automobile accidents, as reported by the Secretary of State, exceeds \$100,000,000 for the three-year period through 1952.

These figures indicate that money spent on road improvements is sound economic investment. The investment will be even more profitable if, through education and controls, we can curb the tendency for excessive speeds on improved highways.

Railroads Aid Roads

Another interesting development in the roads program is a recent announcement that western railroads are cooperating in encouraging improvement of farm-to-market roads. The Association of Western Railways points out that present day farm roads have not kept pace with the mechanized era in agriculture. Good local roads, it is cited, are essential links in the production line for the nation's food supply. A point not mentioned by the railroads, but an obvious one, is that better farm-to-market roads will contribute more tonnage for common carriers.

Railroads have made a cash grant to the Farm Roads Foundation for educational and research work. They hope to improve a condition in which one-third of the nation's rural roads currently are entirely unimproved, more than one-half only partially improved or poorly surfaced, while only one-tenth of the three-and-one-half million miles may be classified as suitable for their traffic loads.

Agricultural producers, forced to operate over poor roads, spend more dollars for equipment repairs, lose more money because of time delays, and get less produce to market than if they had good highways on which to travel. Thus, regardless of the viewpoint, we find that poor roads are expensive and good roads are sound investment.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Recently a television actor named Muggs received a fan letter from a little girl. "I have wanted a baby sister for a long time," she wrote, "and now I would like to have one who looks just like you."

Her parents refrained from comment. The actor, J. Fred Muggs, is a baby chimpanzee.

Television, which certainly made monkeys out of some famous stars, now is making famous stars out of monkeys. The pioneer is J. Fred, who in less than a year emerged from the obscurity of darkest Africa to floodlight fame as a top TV performer.

The gauge of his fame is that in ten weeks he has acquired seven simian imitators—almost one a week.

Young Mr. Muggs is supported by Dave Garroway on an NBC daily network show called "Today." He was first put on the show as a gag. But he was such an immediate hit he now is a fixture.

Garroway works hard for his money. All J. Fred does is mug a bit, snub Garroway, toy with his socks and look as much as possible like any other chimpanzee.

"Muggs is successful because he doesn't try to do anything," is the way entertainment experts sum up his skyrocket rise. "Who else can you tune in on your TV set and see acting normal? If Muggs told jokes or did card tricks he'd be a flop."

Fan Letters Pour In
There is no doubt of J. Fred's solid popularity. What other mammal under one year of age do you know who gets more than 100 fan letters a week, has 65 suits, and holds a sliding contract that may

up his weekly paycheck from \$250 to \$1,100?

Admirers have sent him a hobby horse, a high chair, clothing, enough toys to stock a prince's nursery, and even a razor (he needs a shave).

A surprising amount of the baby chimp's mail is from grownups, and they write as if he were a human being. One wealthy woman put her limousine at Muggs' disposal—if she could go along for the ride.

All stars get poison pen letters, too. So far Muggs has only one enemy, a New Yorker who mailed him a piece of rope and a note saying, "This would look well pulled around your neck."

Naturally, J. Fred did no such thing. He is having the time of his life, and even a chimp isn't chimp enough to think he can please everybody.

Wants To Be Loved
He is owned by, or rather he owns, two young former NBC page boys who operate a pet shop—Bud Mannella and Roy Waldron. They bought him for \$600 wholesale.

"We don't know how long he will last as a performer, and we don't really care very much," said Bud.

"We don't want to make him into

A New Cop on the Beat



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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By FULTON LEWIS, JR.

WASHINGTON — Having stirred up an omelette in accusing Americans for Democratic Action of sponsoring a public payroll racket of summer-time jobs for the Junior League set of Lefties, I now propose to put the mess back on the fire.

Newspaper readers and editors viewing these dispatches have been bombarded with denials ever since it was noted that Students for Democratic Action, the college campus offspring of ADA, tout frustrated juveniles into coming to Washington, D. C., for a summer of left-wing indoctrination and employment on the federal payroll.

I worked over ADA and SDA in three columns in the process, I pointed out that Students for America, led by a young fireball of Los Angeles, California, named Robert Munger, is one of the few, if not the only, anti-Communist organizations working effectively on college campuses today. There are 52 left-wing student groups in operation on campuses, so you can see the chore ahead for Students for America.

As a result, Munger's organization has received over \$600 in donations from patriotic Americans, which is a start but piddling when you consider that the National Students Association, a left-wing campus pressure group, taps college students for a total of \$40,000 annually to spread propaganda on how horrible it is to kick Communists out of colleges.

I said SDA offers its puerile liberals a federal job in Washington if they will promise to attend regular evening meetings to hear people like Senator Hubert Humphrey, Louis Brand and spokesmen from the CIO's Political Action Committee and the AF of L's League for Political Education. SDA's literature nowhere mentions anyone speaking to the students from the National Association of Manufacturers or such advocates of the Taft-Hartley labor law as Senator Robert A. Taft.

As to whether ADA and SDA promise government payroll jobs to deserving young radicals, let me quote its own literature.

On January 27, 1953, in an SDA letterhead, over the signature of Gale Martin, executive secretary, there is this paragraph: "The number of persons who can participate is limited by the scarcity of jobs in Washington."

An application for federal employment is enclosed with SDA

a trick chimp. We are just trying to teach him to walk straight, eat with a spoon, and drink from a cup. He already brushes his teeth and goes to the toilet by himself.

"Muggs is like any other creature in the world—he just wants to be sure he is loved."

He is. He gets up at 4 a.m., commutes to his television studio, spends the rest of the day at the pet shop with his owners, and goes home with them at night. He has never been in a cage since they got him.

Birthday Party Due
Next week Muggs is flying—in a passenger seat, not in the baggage compartment—to Chicago for a first birthday party in his honor, being given by Marlin Perkins, director of the Lincoln Park Zoo there.

You could go to the zoo with no trouble. But poor Muggs has to pack along an X-ray proof he has no tuberculosis and a veterinarian's statement certifying he isn't smuggling any intestinal worms into Chicago. When strange chimps meet, they have to be more careful about each other than people.

Technically, Muggs is an ape. But he is making so much money that his owners are afraid the income tax will make him a broke monkey—and them, too.

literature. So is a throwaway with this paragraph: "The summer jobs available will likely be routine, but they should give first-hand knowledge of how these organizations operate. Previous participants have worked for the Department of Agriculture, the Wage Stabilization Board, the Department of Defense, the District of Columbia Library, among others."

Also: "Participants should bring enough money to cover other living expenses for at least the first month since the first pay check may be delayed a few weeks." Government checks usually are.

One of the first squawks denying that SDA and ADA line up government jobs for bright-eyed young liberals came from the Harvard Liberal Union, under the signature of Jerry Anker. Anker says the primary purpose of the SDA leadership program is to "equalize students with their government by working in it and meeting with political leaders in the evening." He goes on to list what the Harvard Liberal Union believes in, including:

"We do not believe that the House Committee on Un-American Activities has produced anything constructive enough to justify its existence."

The Harvard Liberal Union is a chapter of the SDA. It's unbelievable, but apparently members of the union never heard of Alger Hiss. Hiss was exposed by the House spy hunters for what he was, an agent of a Soviet espionage net. Jailing Hiss was not "constructive," according to this SDA chapter.

Another party, by the name of Sanford Berman, wrote along the same lines to the editor of the Los Angeles Examiner. He talked about students attending the leadership program "earning first hand about government operations. He says those who attend do so at their own expense."

I say they attend at the expense of us taxpayers. So does SDA literature, and I now dispatch samples of it both to Berman and Anker, along with a definition of "constructive" to the latter.

There was no lake here when all the water did was to run down its rocky canyon. With no lake, there was no boating, and such fishing as there was precarious and hard to get at. So no one came here for that kind of recreation.

What I'm getting at is that modern development of rivers (development that is planned to utilize ALL values) IMPROVES the recreational value of the rivers that are developed.

If we go intelligently about the job, we can save the industrial values that now run to waste and at the same time we can immenso-ly improve the recreational value of our rivers.

Bringing about that kind of TOTAL development is the job that lies ahead of us. It is none too soon to get going on the job.

It takes the twin miracles of harnessed waters and hydro-electric power to bring modern industrial and recreational progress.

It isn't that Las Vegas has much

LOCAL NEWS

In Hospital — Mrs. Martha Steele of Roseburg is in the Mercy Hospital for medical treatment. She is reported doing well and can receive visitors. Mrs. Steele was admitted to the hospital Friday.

Moving To Albany — Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Staska and daughters, Linda and Karen, are moving today from Mosier St., Roseburg, to Albany, where Mr. Staska will be employed with Southern Pacific Railroad.

Spring Conference Held — Mr. and Mrs. Cal Storr, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ricketts and Mrs. Story Hles of Roseburg attended the Southern Oregon spring conference of Business and Professional Women's Clubs held in Medford over the weekend.

Industrial development. It hasn't such a much, as industrial development goes, is about all there is. If you want the explanation, drive down into Boulder canyon, where Hoover dam is. The canyon is a spidery network of power wires and the great steel towers that carry them. But the power isn't used here, except for the mere trickle of it that is put to work at Henderson.

The power developed at Hoover dam is SHIPPED AWAY — most of it to Southern California, along with a lot of the water of the Colorado, which is PUMPED with the power developed at the dam.

We don't want that to happen to us in Southern Oregon. We want to use our water first for irrigation of our soil, and after it has been used for agriculture we want to harness it and develop power out of it, and we want to use the power FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY IN OUR OWN RIVER VALLEYS.

We don't want to ship our power away. We want to use it right in our own river valleys, for the development of industry to create payrolls for an integrated agricultural and industrial development.

Let's get back for a moment to what has happened in Las Vegas.

This city isn't all built on gambling. It has a big recreational development. The bulk of its recreational development (apart, that is, from its casinos) is built around Lake Mead. Lake Mead was created by Boulder dam, which backs the water up into a lake. The lake offers boating and fishing and scenery.

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Bird Friends Championed By Rose Students

The 5th and 6th grade students of Rose School have some definite opinions when it comes to the treatment of our feathered friends. The following four letters were submitted to the News-Review by judges of the essays, and are printed verbatim.

Dear Citizens of Roseburg: May we call to your attention the value of birds. Birds are our friends, but we are their enemies. Boys especially take bows and arrows, B-B guns, and sling-shots, and shoot birds. Birds eat millions of insects and pests every day. If there were no birds we would be over-run by insects, rats, and mice. So please don't kill our feathered friends.

Yours truly,
Edward Lorenzen,
Grade 5

Dear People of Roseburg, The children of Rose School have had a talk with our principal, Mr. Hall. He brought to our attention the way the children treat birds. We thought that the grown-ups and the boys and girls of Roseburg needed to hear the few interesting things we discussed. For one thing most boys and some girls like to shoot birds because they can't shoot anything else. But remember birds eat harmful insects that may harm our gardens. Oh, yes, they do eat the berries off some of the trees but they eat more harmful insects than berries. So please let's try to help the birds by making birdhouses and not killing them.

Thank you,
Sharon Rutter,
Grade 5

Dear Editor: Many of our feathered friends are being destroyed by children with destructive weapons. We must try to conserve our birds, as they help in many ways.

Birds help farmers and gardeners by eating insects and other garden pests. Some of the garden pests they eat are: crickets, ants, beetles, sow bugs and many others.

Their diets consist of a little fruit; but mostly worms and insects. The little fruit they eat does not amount to any loss.

Some of the birds that are around this time of year are wrens, bluebirds, robins, blackbirds and sparrows.

We can help birds by leaving out food and water for them to eat. We can make birdhouses for them for shelter. But most of all, we must encourage others not to destroy our feathered friends.

Yours truly,
Moya Schaefer,
Grade 6

Dear Editor: I don't believe that the boys and girls of Douglas County know just how valuable the birds really are. Our little feathered friends eat the worms, and bugs, and other insects, which are very harmful to our crops and orchards.

When the boys or girls go out and shoot the birds with their air-guns, they are killing some of our best friends.

Besides being helpful the birds are very brilliant in color. They help to brighten up our yards and trees in the spring and summer.

I wish that I could get the boys and girls who are shooting the birds to build little houses for the birds. You would be well paid for the little house you build by just watching them build their nest. Then when the middle of summer comes you may see their young in your yard.

When winter comes if the birds stay it is a lot of fun to watch and feed them on bread crumbs or bird seed.

Yours truly,
Patricia O'Mara,
Grade 6

Seat Morse in Gallery, Dirksen's Solution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill.) Friday suggested a solution for the problem of seating Sen. Morse of Oregon, a former Republican who turned Independent in the last presidential campaign.

Dirksen told the Republican National Committee he thought the problem might be solved "if we seat the Senator in the diplomatic gallery" of the Senate.

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ROBES & HOUSECOATS ALSO NEED FREQUENT CLEANING

American housewives spend nearly as much time—and, maybe, more—in robes and housecoats than they do in dresses. Yet they seldom clean them. Why?

Why do you suppose that they'll clean their dresses and other clothing in which they parade before the world quite regularly? But keep wearing robes and housecoats till they're a disgrace to be in?

Do they think less of their husbands and friends than they do of the people who see them outside their own homes?

Of course it's silly. And for more than one reason.

Remember, grime destroys. Fabric fibers—and dyes—both last longer if cleaned regularly. Result: **sweater clothing bills, including robes and housecoats.**

Remember, too, that romance and friendship are sweeter when you're sweet. Why not be clean and pretty and fresh—even if you are informal and casual?

Whatever kind of robes and housecoats they are—quilted, plain, fancy, or what-have-you—why not bundle them up **TODAY** and bring them to us?

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