

Speed, Drinking December Traffic Hazards

The Japanese highway code gives this advice to drivers on encountering pedestrians:

"When a passenger on the hoof hove in sight, tootle the horn, trumpet to him melodiously at first. If he still obstacle your passage, tootle him with vigor and express by word of mouth the warning: 'Hi! Hi!'"

We don't know how effective this low keyed advice is in Japan in combatting traffic accidents, but it certainly isn't less effective than traffic safety warnings in the United States.

Nearly 40,000 more people will be in their graves in the United States by Jan. 1 without even having heard the melodious tootling of a horn.

Drivers have disregarded every approach in urging caution. They've ignored threats, blandishments, pleas, shock campaigns and even strict laws and law enforcement. All have failed. Traffic accidents and resultant deaths and injuries keep the mortuaries and hospitals busier than ever.

In the United States, more than 500 were killed in traffic mishaps over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Here in Oregon, an all time record of more than 500 deaths has already been recorded in 1963. The previous high mark of 492 was set in 1959. Douglas County has contributed its share with about 35.

The tragedy of such figures deepens with the report from the state

Traffic Safety Division that December is traditionally the most dangerous month of the year for traffic.

Oregonians each December in recent years have been racking up almost 6,000 accidents. The accidents account for about 2,000 injuries and an average 44 deaths. Christmas and New Year's weekends claimed 11 of those lives last year.

Because the highway carnage continues to grow, it seems almost useless to urge caution. But perhaps pinpointing the two major causes of Christmas season accidents last year will help alert drivers anyway.

As the temperature begins to dip toward its lowest readings, highways become slick. Under these conditions, cars become harder to handle in situations of stress. Thus, speed becomes a special hazard. Sixty per cent of last year's December deaths on Oregon highways resulted from non-collision or fixed object accidents. In most of these, cars just couldn't be controlled because of the combination of speed and poor weather and highway conditions.

The second biggest cause of highway deaths was attributable in some measure to the condition of the driver himself. He had been drinking.

The object lessons of these two sets of facts from the Traffic Safety Division are obvious. Speeds should be reduced to cope with road and weather conditions. And if you are going to drink, don't drive.



Better Read Than Dead

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The big news as this is written

Well, it looks like the Boardman deal, which has consumed a large share of the time of the special session of the Oregon legislature, has finally been closed so far as the state of Oregon is concerned.

It has been approved by both houses of the legislature and is expected to become a law when it is signed by Governor Hatfield.

What is the Boardman deal? It provides 100,000 acres up along the navigable Columbia river, east of the mountains, which will be leased to the Boeing Company—which, it is hoped, will test and perhaps BUILD space age equipment there.

Presumably, it is possible that supersonic planes might also be tested and perhaps built there. Planes that will travel faster than the speed of sound are already on the drawing boards.

They appear certain to come into use.

Both space equipment and supersonic passenger and freight planes are going to require a lot of testing. The testing will call for a lot of area. Their manufacture will necessarily fall largely into the hands of HUGE concerns.

SPACEX has the necessary SPACE, both for testing and for the large manufacturing operations that will be called for.

The Boeing Company is one of the world's largest concerns engaged in the designing and manufacturing of such equipment.

So—

It can hardly be regarded as other than fortunate that the Boeing Company is interested in an Oregon site for the possible production of this type of equipment that calls for vast investment of capital, vast areas of space and vast numbers (eventually) of highly paid employees.

It is true, of course, that nothing may come of it all. But if you never roll the dice, you'll never win a pot.

Incidentally—

The ruckus over the Boardman deal and how it was to be financed if Oregon decided to go along with it has brought out an exceedingly interesting fact—the businesslike operations of Oregon's State Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Back in 1945, it began lending money to Oregon ex-service men to buy farms and homes. It now has outstanding about 27,000 such loans. The value of these loans is somewhat in excess

of \$233 million.

Not only has it made possible the purchase of homes and farms by Oregon veterans. By the use of sound business judgment, it has been able to accumulate earnings of approximately \$11 million.

Its accumulated earnings will make it possible for the Department of Veterans Affairs to advance the money to clear the Boardman area of previous obligations—which comes in very handy at a time when Oregon's treasury is pretty much empty.

In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1923

New booster league, the "Umpqua Chiefs," is to organize tonight. The new league is to place this section "on the map" and "knockers" have been barred from membership.

Twenty-five cents a pound is the price offered for the turkeys which buyers are endeavoring to secure for shipment to the eastern markets, according to an announcement made today, following a meeting held last night at the Farm Bureau Exchange.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1938

Formal dedication of the new Fullerton school building will be held today under the sponsorship of the Fullerton P.T.A. Mrs. Clyde Carstens, president of the P.T.A., will give the welcoming address. R. W. Marsters, charter member, will give the history of the school and features of the building will be presented by W. M. Campbell, city superintendent of schools. A. A. Wilder, chairman of the school board, will present the keys and Miss Ruth Swinney will give the response.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 6, 1953

A \$445,000 loan, made to the Douglas Electric Cooperative, will bring electrical service to some 430 customers, including 50 in irrigation areas. The Rural Electrification Administration Friday announced that the co-op's application for the loan had been approved by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

Recreation Policies Aid To Umpqua Planning

Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado, chairman of the House Committee of Interior and Insular Affairs, has introduced into Congress a significant bill (H.R. 9032) to "provide uniform policies with respect to recreation and fish and wildlife benefits and costs of federal multi-purpose water resource projects, and to provide the Secretary of the Interior with authority for recreational development of projects under his control."

The bill would apply to the Corps of Engineers and to the Bureau of Reclamation. Recreation would be made a substantial part of projects engineered by these agencies.

The measure, according to the National Wildlife Federation's conservation report, has the approval of the Bureau of the Budget with the concurrence of the Departments of the Interior and Army.

This bill is a part of the federal government's seemingly rapid movement into the field of recreation.

As has been asserted previously, the federal government has been dragging its feet in connection with development of recreational potential of the public domain.

Here in Western Oregon, where the federal government controls more than 50 per cent of our land area, the National Forests and Bureau of Land Management holdings contain more than 80 per cent of the sites suitable for recreational development.

The Bureau of Land Management has been working at a fairly rapid pace to select and improve areas suitable for recreation. It has cooperated with counties and county park departments or other recreational agencies. Provision has been

made where funds received by the BLM from timber sales may be used, in part, for recreational development of suitable sites, including some projects on Forest Service domain.

The federal government has been building many dams. Reservoirs created by construction of dams provide exceptional recreational possibility. For example, reservoirs create a plentiful fishery of a type not normally found in fast water. Reservoirs permit boating, swimming, skiing and other water sports. Along the shores generally are to be found campgrounds, picnic spots and other recreational facilities.

Thus it seems only proper that recreation should be included among the advantages to be measured against the cost of a federal project. Federal costs incurred specifically for land or basic facilities for recreation or fish and wildlife enhancement, Aspinall's bill provides, are to be nonreimbursable.

Congress already has given authorization to certain inclusions of recreational features in project planning. Rep. Aspinall would make such inclusions more definite.

A good example is found in current planning on the South Umpqua River where a high dam above Tiller is under consideration. The South Umpqua River has an exceedingly high rate of fish production. The decrease in fish population in the entire Umpqua River system can be traced in large part to the abuse of the South Umpqua's summer flow of water. The water is so low and warm, because of withdrawals for irrigation, that the river now has most limited fish productivity.

The Corps of Engineers is working on plans for a high dam which would retain water during the winter to be released during the dry season. That would maintain a water flow sufficient to restore the river's fishery. At the same time, with a location above Tiller, it would supply a major recreational need for water sports.

The project, as first proposed, did not meet necessary qualifications, because power, flood control, irrigation, industrial and domestic supply were the only benefits to be considered. But when the Corps of Engineers is permitted to include fish and wildlife benefits, along with the tremendous recreational advantages, the ratio of benefits to cost on the South Umpqua River takes on a new and most advantageous position.

Many times attention has been called in this column to the apparent awakening of the federal government as a whole, and specific departments and agencies in particular, to conservation and recreational needs. Rep. Aspinall's proposal seems a long step in that direction.

Included are plans to increase oil production, the manufacture of a new oil pipeline and plants to manufacture fertilizer, plastics and synthetic rubber.

Turkey needs an annual increase of 7 per cent in her gross national product if she is to keep ahead of an annual population growth of 4.5 per cent. Political unrest makes achievement of the goal uncertain at best.

GROWING ISLAND

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UPI)—The island formed by Iceland's still erupting offshore volcano is now about 2,625 feet long and 130 feet high, geologists reported today.

THE LIGHTER SIDE:



Bovine Shelter Jolly Gift Idea

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI)—If someone on your Christmas list is a farmer who has everything I may be able to solve your shopping problem.

The Agriculture Department's research service has just come up with an item that should make an ideal gift for the hard-to-buy-for granger or husbandman.

It's a fallout shelter for cows. Talk about agrarian status symbols! I would rather have a bovine fallout shelter than an atomic-powered churn.

According to the department, this type of shelter has a dual function. It will provide fallout shelter for 50 cows. And in between nuclear attacks, it can serve as a dairy barn.

Shelters Farmer Also

The shelter also has space for six people. This will, the department notes, "permit the dairyman to care for his livestock during a fallout emergency without leaving the barn."

The department, as you can see, has thought of everything except how the farmer is going to deliver the milk.

Another new development by the agricultural research center also is designed to reduce damage from fallout, but of a somewhat different type.

It is an improved floor for turkey cages. The department reports that it reduces from 10 per cent to less than 1 per cent the number of shells that a turkey cracks in laying eggs.

Still another development that I found captivating is the research service's answer to the alfalfa weevil problem in the eastern part of the United States.

Weevil Takes To East

The alfalfa weevil became

SAME DAY

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI)—The wife of actor Jim Francis gave birth Wednesday to a 6-pound, 10-ounce girl—on the same date the couple's first child was born.

Francis is the star of the television series "Mr. Novak." Both Mrs. Kitty Francis, daughter of director William Wellman, and her daughter, named Kellie Allen, were reported in good condition at St. John's Hospital.

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The Almanac

Today is Friday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 1963 with 25 to follow.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

Those born today include Joseph Conrad, the English writer of sea tales, in 1857.

On this day in history: In 1847, Abraham Lincoln took his seat in the House of Representatives as a congressman from Illinois.

In 1889, people throughout the South were saddened by the news of the death of Jefferson Davis in New Orleans.

In 1917, Finland declared its independence from Russia.

In 1941, President Roosevelt sent a personal note to Emperor Hirohito of Japan on the eve of Pearl Harbor, asking him to give thought to the threat of war.

A thought for the day — The English author, Joseph Conrad, said: "No woman is an absolute fool; no woman is ever completely deceived."

Reader Opinions

Editor's Note:

Persons preparing communications for this column are asked to withhold comment on controversial political matters, involving the Presidency of the United States, until after the declared period of national mourning.

The News-Review is receiving a number of letters based upon conjecture concerning the forthcoming campaign, criticism of various candidates, ideas concerning probable nominees of the respective parties, and similar subjects.

These matters are topics for some of the major columnists. Certain of the commentaries appear in this newspaper.

However, the newspaper management feels that general discussion of presidential politics through the Reader Opinions column during the period of national mourning is not in the best of taste. Therefore it is requested that the ideas, opinions and conjectures pertaining to the presidency be withheld until after Christmas, whereupon the News-Review again will be glad to give consideration to such letters.

Meaning Of Christmas Loses Spiritual Intent

To The Editor:

It is seldom I feel impelled to write a letter to the editor, but I feel an answer to your editorial of December 2 requires me to write this letter. I am in hearty agreement with your heading, "Christmas Still Has Spiritual Meaning," but I feel the point of Christmas has been missed completely. The real point of Christmas has nothing whatsoever to do with buying presents to give to people we hope are going to reciprocate by giving us presents in return (and who of us gives presents except to those from whom we expect presents?).

The real point of Christmas is the worship of Christ. The word

itself means "Christ's mass," or "Christ's worship." This can be done only in Christ's Church, and in our pagan state of Oregon less than 25 per cent of the people belong to any church—less than one person in four are Christians. If 20 per cent of the people would actually worship Christ at Christmas, it would be startling. But close to 100 per cent will put up Christmas trees, buy presents, send Christmas cards, and otherwise enjoy the fruits of the Christian observance, rather like parasites, without taking part in the heart of the festival or even understanding what it is all about. It does seem to me that Christ has effectively been taken out of Christmas for the vast majority of our population, and it is urgent that more people come to recognize the spiritual significance of Christmas and put God back on His throne in our society. Ours has been a Christian culture, a Christian civilization, a Christian nation; but there is very grave danger that this will be lost by default.

May Christmas come to have a real spiritual meaning to more people!

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PIN REPRESENTS MEDAL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The tiny lapel pin President Johnson wears is a replica of the red, white and blue striped ribbon worn by holders of the Silver Star.

The new Chief Executive earned the decoration while serving with the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, and was given the medal personally by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

MacArthur pinned it on Johnson in 1942 when the young congressman, then a lieutenant commander in the Navy, was one of the few men to return from a combat mission over New Guinea.

Two Oregon Men NAM Directors

NEW YORK (UPI)—Two Oregonians were chosen as directors-at-large of the National Association of Manufacturers at the NAM's 68th annual congress to American Industry here Wednesday.

They are Jack Murdock, chairman of the board of Tektronix, Inc., Beaverton, and Robert C. Warren, president, Cascade Manufacturing Co., Portland.

Oregon directors are Thomas W. Dezell, chairman of the board of Portland General Electric Co., and Sam Johnson, president, Jefferson Plywood Co., Madras.

Coleman H. Wheeler, president of Santiam Lumber Co., Portland, was listed among retiring directors. Bernard L. Orell, vice president, Weyerhaeuser Co., Tacoma, continues as NAM's regional vice president for the Pacific Northwest.

News Analysis



By PHIL NEWSOM

The marble ruins of ancient cities along Turkey's coastline, the remains of a Roman aqueduct, Istanbul's winding narrow streets and its covered bazaar are symbols of Turkey's past. Modern dress, the alphabet and a western-style parliamentary system are the outward symbols of an evolving modern Turkey started on its way more than 40 years ago by Kemal Ataturk.

Yet just as Turkey, astride the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, lies both in Europe and Asia, so its social structure stands astride both ancient and modern times. More than half its population is illiterate. Erosion is eating away the topsoil of its farmlands and unemployed peasants are flocking to mushrooming cities.

Despite \$4 billion in aid, Turkey still is unable to carry itself.

And between the peasants, resentful that they now must pay taxes to help Turkey help herself, and students and young officers impatient at the slow pace of Turkey's revolution, there is generated a tension which leads to a perpetual state of crisis or near crisis.

The problem is not one of encroaching communism but one strictly made-in-Turkey.

From the regime of the deposed and later executed Premier Adnan Menderes, Turkey inherited galloping inflation and the headaches left by pell-mell but unplanned industrialization.

Two attempted military coups failed but political unrest has continued to mount.

Finally, in last month's local elections the opposition Justice party emerged the chief winner and this week Premier Ismet Inonu, Turkey's 79-year-old link with Ataturk, stepped down.

The Justice party widely is

Daily Bible Reading

By Roseburg

Ministerial Association

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-12

In verses seven and eight of this passage, our Lord promises that whatever we ask, we shall receive.

At first glance this may appear to be the Christian's answer to the proverbial wishing wand, and if used with no more discretion it will have the same results. However, as we look a little closer at the second and third verses we see a little of what must be contained in a prayer before it can be answered. "And with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

In essence He is saying that our blessings will never exceed our selfishness. This does not mean that we cannot ask for things for ourselves, but as James says, in the fourth chapter and the third verse, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." It is then, not so much what we ask, as our motive in asking.

Another possible reason for the multitudes of unanswered prayers may be found in the third verse. Here the Lord comments those who are able to see faults in others, small though they be, while they overlook their own more glaring faults. We must continually, with the Psalmist, cry unto God, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults."

It is this element of self-searching, with a desire to please God as motive that leads

to the abiding life in Christ, which is the real key to answered prayer, as recorded in the fifteenth chapter of John, verse seven: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye may ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

David M. Engle Assistant to the pastor Huerest Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

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