

Here It Comes . . . A Weekend for Death

From eating goldfish to cramming themselves into telephone booths, from sports to pie-eating contests, American people have long been known for their record-setting passions.

Marathons have become an easy formula in efforts to reach notoriety. Remember the dance marathons? How about flag-pole sitting? Disco jockeys and their continuous broadcasting? Want to be famous . . . just set a record.

This coming weekend Americans, in a mass move, will attempt to set another record. Highway deaths. And you can help . . . with a little effort.

If you're planning a trip over Labor Day, leave after work Friday. Don't, by all means, stay home and sleep Friday night. This will make you lose one day of the weekend. Instead, pick up a good supply of anti-sleep pills, there are several brands, and drive all night so you can get a head start on everybody else. (It's also good to take along a little corn . . . in case the pills don't work you can always sneak a little nip to keep you going.)

Don't worry about accidents, either. You just keep driving down the road—after all, half of it's yours. Besides if you do get hit it will be the other guy's fault, so let him look out. Remember this road bit, too, if you are pulling a trailer . . . you have just as much right to your half as those behind you. Let them pass you . . . never pull over 'cause you lose your place. You also lose time and will consequently have to drive faster. The best thing to do is set your speed and maintain it. This will also tell you exactly when you will get where you're going. (Remember, if you don't have a wreck your chances of helping set the Holiday Death Record are out.)

When approaching another car don't dim your lights until he does. If he doesn't dim his it probably means he, like you, wants to help the record room this weekend. So if you both keep your beams on high that's the cue for a big crash. If you're lucky, besides all the incidental broken bones, lacerations and mangled cars, you might become a vital statistic . . . and take someone else with you. You get extra credit for this.

Another good way to become part of the record is to pass on blind corners. This is specially good in the day-time because you always get that brief look of absolute horror on the face of the on-coming driver just before you wipe him out. This is sometimes good for a three or four car pile-up.

If you have to follow a car always stay as close to him as possible. This will keep anybody from getting between you. It will also make it easier for you to drive because you can watch him—and do exactly as he does.

Never fasten your seatbelts. This is cheating because it will prevent you from flying out through the windshield or door when you hit. Instead, just lay your belt across your lap. Then when you have that wreck it will look as though your belt didn't hold. This will give sceptics a good reason to run down seatbelts—use after you're gone.

These are just a few hints to aid the cause. You can probably come up with plenty of others much better. Just remember, it's all for the record.

Only six people were killed and 220 injured over Labor Day weekend in Oregon last year. And this pitiful showing was from 454 traffic accidents during the 74-hour Holiday period.

Speed limit signs, traffic safety warnings, traffic officers and pleas for caution only confuse attempts to make this Holiday the biggest on record. The Department of Motor Vehicles today said that Oregon is experiencing the worst year in traffic bloodletting in its history, and in the face of a decrease in highway travel. Drivers must be practicing for the Big Day.

So, if you want to be counted among the record-setters, head for the highways with all possible speed. Disregard everything but where you're going, concentrate on nothing except how fast you can make it . . . and you, too, can be a Monday morning statistic.

Oregon Counties Ask Assistance To Revise Court Service Fees

Too much of the cost of the Oregon court system is passed along to the taxpayers, said the Association of Oregon Counties Executive Committee in a resolution adopted during a Salem meeting yesterday. The Committee called for cooperation of the Oregon State Bar Association, county clerks and other interested parties in an effort to revise the present fees prescribed by statute for various court services. Some of the fees have remained unchanged for 50 to 100 years, the Committee said.

The Committee's resolution acknowledged that much of the cost of running the courts is properly charged to the taxpayers, but expressed the belief that civil litigation should generally pay its own way.

The Committee's action was based on a study recently completed by the University of Oregon's Bureau of Municipal Research and Service which shows that in fiscal year 1960-61 counties paid \$5.6 million in expenses of the circuit, district, justice and county (juvenile and probate) courts, but recovered only \$2.1 million in fees, costs, fines and forfeitures, or about 37.5% of their expenses. In contrast, the study shows that the state paid \$1.5 million toward support of the same courts, but recovered \$1.1 million or 73.3%.

In a forword to the report, Herman Kehrli, Director of the Bureau, said, "The results of the study indicate a need for

legislative review of the fee schedules and allocation of state and county financial responsibilities for courts."

AOC President John W. Whipple, St. Helens, noted that since the 1960-61 base year of the study, many county costs have gone up. Increases in the compensation counties must pay to attorneys who represent indigent defendants voted by the 1961 legislature, are not reflected in the study, nor are mandatory increases in court reporter salaries voted by the same legislature. State costs have also gone up, Whipple said, including increases in circuit judges' salaries.

Counties have little or no control over the cost of courts, and none whatsoever over the off-setting revenues, Whipple observed. The state legislature or the courts themselves largely determine the level of expenditure, while fees are all set by state law and income from fines and forfeitures depends on decisions of judges. As a result, said Whipple, there is no way to fix fiscal responsibility for the over-all cost of judicial administration in the State of Oregon.

The Association recommended to the 1963 legislature that more than 115 statutory court fees be revised merely to compensate for changes in the value of the dollar since they were first adopted. The Association's bill, however, was never voted out of committee.

Labor Day: When Working Is Fun



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Queen Committee Thanks Donors

The Curry County Pomona Grange County Fair Queen Committee wish to express their appreciation to the following merchants for their cooperation in furnishing gifts for the County Fair Queen's Court:

Stone's Flowers, Coos Bay, and The Town and Country Store, Gold Beach, for the two beautiful bouquets for the queen and retiring queen; Dick's Farm Store, Langlois; Hahn's Hardware, Port Orford; Phillips' Rexall Drug Store, Port Orford; Marion's Dress Shop, Port Orford.

Gold Beach Pharmacy, K. Lynn Fashions, Corner Drug, and the Gift Shop, Gold Beach; Frank's Pharmacy, House of Shoes, Hewitt's Apparel, and Trehearnes, Brookings;

Tucker's Mart and Pacific Super Market, Port Orford; Langlois Market, Cheever's Hardware, Langlois.

Also we wish to express our appreciation to several Brookings merchants for gifts that were unmarked. These gifts were all divided equally between the queen, the two princesses and the crown bearer.

Thanks also go to the Curry County Fair Board for the beautiful wrist watch that went to the queen; to the Curry County Pomona Grange for the blanket for the queen; to Olson Motors of Gold Beach for furnishing a car and driver for the parade; to little Julie Myers for acting as crown bearer, and to Patty Ellis for her efforts in serving as queen for the past year.

The new queen, Debra Buffington, and her princesses, Diane Tierce and Janice Bushnell, will represent Curry county in many regional festivities during 1963-64.

Marion Brooks, Langlois Queen Chairman

ATTEND FUNERAL

The Tom Meades drove to Oregon City on Monday of last week to be at the funeral of an old friend on Tuesday. They stopped in Springfield on the way home to pick up their grandson, Scott Fromm. Jeanette came on Monday for a few days visit before they return home.

Poor Oregon Forest Tree Cone Crop Noted by Forestry Department

SALEM, OREGON, Aug. 26, 1963—Widespread reports of a generally spotty to poor forest tree cone crop in all primary tree species throughout Oregon dimmed hopes this week for many people intent on making a little extra from this important forest product, according to the State Forestry Department.

The cone picking season normally begins during the latter part of August at low elevations and extends to about the first of November at high elevations. Western Oregon's Douglas fir cone crop is spotty with the likelihood that the cones are infested by seed-eating insects. The ponderosa pine cone crop of eastern and southern Oregon is generally poor, which also applies to such species as noble, grand, concolor, and other high elevation true firs. Other species including sugar pine, white pine, cedars, spruces and hemlocks are similarly affected.

However, local pockets of cones may occur in sufficient quantity and quality for collecting. The cones should be tested for seed count and their acceptability should be discussed with a cone buyer before picking in any quantity. Permission to pick cones must be obtained from the landowner and a harvesting permit secured from forestry officials.

The cone picking season extends through a period when the fire hazard in the woods is usually high. This is especially significant with the tremendous amount of blowdown timber resulting from the Columbus Day storm scattered throughout Oregon's forests. Certain forest areas are therefore closed to entry except by permit from a state or federal forest officer. During short periods of extreme fire weather a shut-down of all activities in hazardous areas is ordered and no permits are given. The immediate situation at any particular time of harvest can be secured from a local forest official.

Cone collectors are provided with the following check list: 1. Check first with cone buyers to determine species, origin and seed count requirements; 2. Locate suitable picking areas and obtain the landowner's approval; 3. Secure a harvesting permit from any state or federal forest official; 4. Check on fire regulations and closures, and get permits if necessary;

Return From Trip

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Townley returned recently from a two months' vacation trip where they visited Yellowstone Park, they went on to Bemidji, Minn., where they joined 16 other "trailers" from Oregon for the "Trailer Rally" held there.

Highlight of their trip was when they attended the national Shrine Convention in Chicago and witnessed a five and a half hour parade through downtown Chicago by the Shriners.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT SET

Lions to Sponsor Hypnotist In Another Benefit Show

The Bandon Lions club will sponsor Emmett Cronan, hypnotist and mental wizard, in a two-hour show in the Bandon High School gymnasium Saturday night, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m.

Cronan drew a packed house in an appearance this spring but has developed a brand new show for his fall run. Since his Bandon appearance he has put on his show in several large California cities and a number of Oregon communities.

Cronan entitles his show: "A Night Out of This World." The most popular part is the demonstration of hypnotism in which he takes a group of people out of the audience and puts them under his spell. He then puts them through a number of amusing performances.

Cronan has added a new stereophonic sound system to his act and plays a back ground of music and sounds that are guaranteed to raise the goose pimples on the audience. In his new show the performer will work with the audience in demonstrations of mass hypnotism. At his last show some of the "Doubting Thomases", who thought that they could resist

his spell, found that they were wrong and the result was very funny.

The Lions club, in sponsoring this event, hopes to make enough money to carry on their wide program of youth work in the Bandon area which includes the furnishing of glasses and eye tests to needy children, the furnishing of milk to children in the primary grades, sponsorship of a boy and girl to Boy's and Girl's State; sponsorship of a \$200 scholarship to a Bandon High graduate, sponsorship of 4-H summer school scholarships, the annual Christmas Party for some 600 Bandon children, the Easter Egg hunt in the park and a large number of other activities that cost the Lions close to \$2000 a year.

It is hoped that residents of the area will put the night of Saturday September 14 on their calendar for a big night of fun for the whole family. Prices have been set at \$1 for adults and high school students, and 50c for grade school children.

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JUSTICE COURT

Cases appearing before Justice Arthur F. Niemann in Justice Court since last report were: Phyllis Elizabeth Burrows, Aug. 23, VBR, \$20; Cares Newton, Aug. 26, disobey stop sign, \$5; Frank McPherson, Aug. 26, preliminary hearing on assault with a dangerous weapon, continued to Sept. 3, 1963; Robert D. Russell, Aug. 26, possession of alcoholic beverage by minor, \$50 plus \$4.50 costs, \$54.50; David Allen Dishner, Aug. 28, VBR, \$10.

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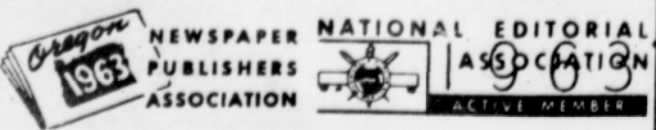
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