WHO'S AT FAULT?

1963 - Worst Traffic Toll In Oregon History

Dead: 564. Injured: 24,627. Convictions for traffic violations: 257, 335. The worst record in traffic deaths and injuries ever recorded in Oregon is revealed in the 1963 statistical summary just released by the Traffic Safety and Education Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, Salem.

The number of accidents increased 3. 7 per cent (up from 64, 031 in 1962 to 66, 541 in 1963). The number of injuries increased 8.6 per cent (up from 22,678 to 24, 627). Traffic deaths climbed an unprecedented 15. 7 per cent from 484 to 564.

The need for more and better driver education is emphasized by the fact that, although drivers in the age group from 15-24 years comprise only 17. 4 per cent of Oregon's driving population, 31, 459, of these under-25 drivers were involved in 27. 17 per cent of the state's accidents.

More of these 15-24 year-old motorists were killed (144) and injured (7519) than any other age group. And there were more of these drivers (28. 99 per cent) involved in fatal accidents than any other age bracket.

Motorists should not blame bad weather, poor visibility or inadequate roads for the high traffic toll last year. The facts are: of the total of 66, 541 accidents, 46, 694 occurred in daylight hours, and of this number, 42, 427 happened on dry pavement.

Prime causative factors (such as driver intoxication, a drinking driver, other driver defect, or a traffic violation by a driver) rested squarely on the driver himself in 63, 030 of the 66, 524 accidents.

More accidents (46, 816) occurred in cities than in rural areas (19, 698); but, rural accidents were 10 times more disastrous with a death rate of 2. 2 per cent for a total of 451 fatalities, as compared with an urban death rate of less than 2/10 of one per cen for a total of 106 fatalities.

While registrations of motorcycles and motor bikes increased 64. 3 per cent in 1963, the number of these two-wheeled vehicles involved in accidents went up a disproportionate 81 per cent from 515 to 936. Furthermore the accidents involving cycles resulted in a higher rate of personal injuries (58 per cent) and deaths (2 per cent) than in accidents involving other types of vehicles (30-35 per cent injuries and 0. 8 per cent deaths).

Pedestrian accident involvement, says the Traffic Safety and Education Division, points up two more areas of needed improvement. Better traffic safety training and closer adult supervision in the 5-9 age group is called for: 232 children between these ages were killed or injured in traffic accidents in 1963.

The next highest number of pedestrian casualties (160) occurred among senior citizens aged 65 or older. This high rate of involvement would seem to indicate that oldsters are not being as alert or using as good judgement in traffic as they should.

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Emphasizing the theme, "To each among us. . . a share", the Oregon Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will coordinate the national observance of Soil Stewardship Week in our State during the period May 3-10, 1964.

I am pleased to join with OASWCD in asking each citizen to consider his share in the brotherhood of stewards responsible for the proper husbandry of lands and waters, forests and ranges, fish and game, scenic, recreational and other resources which God has placed at our disposal.

We have been endowed with a great trust. It is up to each of us as good stewards to share in the development and protection of this priceless heritage, particularly at a time when we are placing ever greater demands upon such resources.

May we, during Soil Stewardship Week, join with the OASWCD membership and clergy throughout the State in making obvious our gratitude for the richness of this land. May we also renew our pledge to conserve our soil, woods, water, wildlife, mineral and other resources.

Mark O. Hatfield
Governor of Oregon

FARM BUREAU FURROW

More Farm Labor Problems

By SCOTT LAMB
Information Director

With 1964 set as the close-out year for the Bracero program, many growers are likely to begin feeling the pinch this summer. From across the nation come rumors of programs being adopted to hold farm migrants in states requiring a good deal of farm labor.

Florida has set up a program aimed at recruiting local workers for crop work, but the results were reportedly disappointing.

Texas has tightened its recruiting laws to hold the northward flow of migrants to a minimum and California growers associations are planning to recruit workers in Washington and Oregon.

The Agriculture Workers Organizing Committee is again functioning in California after a year's rest for regrouping and lobbying in Washington, D.C., for laws to make it easier to organize farm workers.

Their latest move was against an asparagus grower who was struck by the AWOC in an attempt to force a contract. The grower also had Braceros and it ruled he could keep the Braceros on the job. Later a U.S. Department of Labor ruling forced the grower to pull all Braceros from the job since the strike was ruled a bonafide labor dispute.

The crux of the farm problem lies in the fact that some 47,000 additional domestic workers may be secured from the supply states to replace 220,000 off-shore workers. It has been estimated the number needed to replace the Braceros might be closer to 300,000, since the inexperienced domestic worker just doesn't cover the same ground.

One thing is certain. The heaping of labor problems on the growers across the land is going to result in higher food costs to the consumer. It could also result in a serious food shortage if the trouble persists.

SPOOL SPINNERS NEWS

The Spool Spinners 4-H club held their last meeting April 26 and worked on traveling kits, sang song, said the pledge and had cupcakes.

Those attending were Valorie Stiegler, Cheree Werner, Patty St. Clair and Lynda Stiegler.

Mary Ellen Bates helped with the sewing.

SUMMER CAMP HELP IS NEEDED

Salem—The Oregon State Employment Service in cooperation with the American Camping Association announced here today that there is an urgent need for experienced camp workers for work in more than 45 Oregon summer camps.

The Employment Service said that experienced camp directors, assistant directors, camp counselors, nurses, lifeguards, swimming instructors, camp cooks and other camp workers should register now with their nearest Oregon State Employment Service office.

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William A. Sells

William A. Sells of Harrisburg died in Portland Apr. 17 at the age of 69. He was born August 12, 1894, at Wilder, Tenn., and was united in marriage to Irby Gilliam at Mangrum, Okla., March 28, 1918. She preceded him in death in 1961.

He had lived in the Harrisburg area since 1938 except for three years he lived in Port Orford.

Surviving are three sons, Elmer and Cecil of Lebanon, Charles of Junction City; six daughters: Mrs. George (Carrie) Williams, Mrs. George (Jean) Kalina both of Port Orford; Mrs. Ola Newberry, Junction City; Mrs. Jo Overstreet, California; Mrs. Virginia Stuckrath Corvallis; Mrs. Gloria Nelson, Seaside; 27 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers: Boss, Tully and Mike all of Oklahoma; two sisters: Mrs. Paul Copeland of Corvallis and Mrs. Harris Copeland of Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Apr. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Kalina and family with their son, Jack Kalina, home on leave from Fort Ord, Calif., attended the services.

SERVICES HELD FOR GEE BABY TUESDAY

Graveside services were held Tuesday morning Apr. 28 at Port Orford cemetery for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gee of Port Orford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the multipurpose room of the Port Orford grade school will be a meeting many plan to attend. It is for the purpose of hearing the McKenzie Plan for a Vocational High School explained. Mr. Gerald Hollingsworth and Mr. Raymond H. Speulda of the McKenzie River High School Staff will be here with some of the boys from the McKenzie River High School at Finn Rock, Oregon, near Eugene.

This is a Pilot program and has proved a solution for the boy not college bound. He finds some trade or skill to follow after graduation. With proper utilization of the advantages offered in this vocational type high school they will not contribute to the reported 1, 000, 000 new unskilled workers our society must assimilate each year. The boys under this test program learn skills of building, machinery repair, brick laying, etc.

Come out and listen to the success of this school and realize much more fully the American goal of universal education.

Mary Bates
P. T. A. President

TO THE EDITOR

Florence Waggener, who is seeking the Republican nomination as Congresswoman of the Fourth Congressional District, doesn't want the office in order to qualify for a fat pension check nor does she have an eye on the governorship of the state. She only wants to see this district represented according to the needs and wishes of its people.

She will work for vocational training in high schools. This is the answer for many high school graduates who cannot continue their education at the college level. She will do her utmost to bring new industries to the district. She is dedicated to the principles of free enterprise and believes in the multiple use policy of the National Forests and other natural resources. She favors an increase of the $1, 200 maximum earnings of a Social Security recipient.

Men who have held this office have used it to further their political careers. Let's elect a woman who believes in Oregon's motto, "She Flies With Her Own Wings."

Mrs. R. E. Goodman
Florence, Oregon

Flynn says Road Department Fails To Comply With Law

Dear Editor:

Many voters, displaying their interest in the coming election, have requested more information about competitive bidding on road projects. At the recent Port Orford Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Meeting, I stated, "competitive bidding would correct certain road department practices, which, in my opinion, fail to comply with Oregon law." Chapter 368. 215, ORS, clearly sets forth in simple, understandable language that "... all work estimated by the County Roadmaster to cost $2, 000 or more for the job or project shall be let to contract." (ORS 368. 215 states, "Except in case of emergency, or determination by the County Court to use convict labor, all work estimated by the County Roadmaster to cost $2, 000 or more for the job or project shall be let to contract. Work so estimated to cost less than $2, 000, or in case of emergency, or for maintenance of county roads and bridges, or as provided by ORS 368. 250, or by the use of convict labor as provided by law, may, in the discretion of the court, be done by day work under the direction of the county court and supervision of the County Roadmaster. Any county owning and operating its own road-making plant and equipment is not required to let out any road work by contract where the work is intended to be done by the County Court with its own equipment."

ORS 368. 250 (referred to in above) The County Court may reject any and all bids, and proceed to make the road or bridge improvement, and perform the work in the same manner, as nearly as may be, as provided for bridge construction by ORS 382. 210 to 382. 240.)

One example supporting my opinion is the North Bank Rogue road construction job. The project was not advertised for bid, although clearly a sizeable undertaking. Road department figures reveal over $35, 000. 00 was spent for rented equipment alone! Local contractors and taxpayers are not satisfied with such proceedure. I support their position that competitive bidding effectively produces better work, reduces job costs, and shortens completion time. County officials are seldom surprised when the people question their judgement, realizing that constructive criticism does not necessarily imply lack of integrity. I have promised my cooperation toward getting our tax dollars' worth for tax money spent, while opposing county competition against contractors who may provide services and materials at less cost. Better government and improved services will result.

Thank you,

Fred W. Flynn
P. O. Box 471
Brookings, Oregon

TO EACH AMONG US, A SHARE IN THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAND

Alvin Woodriff, chairman of the board of supervisors of Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District, wishes to remind the people of this area that May 3-10, 1964, is the period of National observance of Soil Stewardship Week. Curry County S.W.C.D. is one of the 61 districts organized in the State of Oregon and of the 2, 940 in the nation. These districts were formed to assist the stewards of our land in adopting and following good conservation practices.

The board of supervisors, assisted by governmental agencies such as: Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization Service, Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration, Oregon State Board of Forestry, U. S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Curry County Court, and others work with stewards of the soil in the application of conservation practices to the land. In Curry County during 1963, some of the practices applied are as follows:

1, 093 acres of pasture planting, the application of lime and fertilizer of many acres of cropland, over 5, 000 feet of drainage ditches, over 1, 000 feet of streambank protection, and over 800 acres of brush and weed control.

The board members, Alvin Woodriff, Harbor; A. G. Walker, Gold Beach, Dillon Miller, Ophir, Marion Whittaker and Ellis Foster, Langlois, are happy to be serving their fellow men in the furtherance of Conservation of our natural resources. But without God's bountiful blessings, man would experience much greater difficulty in living, if we were able to survive at all.

—Walt Risse

JUSTICE COURT

Cases appearing before Justice Arthur F. Niemann in Justice Court since last report were:

Frank Ray Howard, April 21, failure to drive on right side of highway, $10; William Frank Hilderbrand, April 21, excessive motor noise, $10, $5 suspended; Donald George Dixson, April 23, no operator license, $5; John Lester Williams, April 23, no operator license, $5; Raymond Alvin Hartley, April 23, parking in prohibited area, $5; Andrew Franklin Trivett, April 23, parking in prohibited area, $5; Harvey Alfred Wangerin, April 27, no operator license, $5; Robert Lincoln Grant, April 27, inadequate brakes, $10, bail forfeited; Lenore Adele Sweet, April 27, improper passing, $20, $10 suspended; Gerald Glen Pennington, April 27, no operator license, $5, bail forfeited; Ronald Lee Couch, April 28, disobey stop sign, $5; Neil Dwight Frederick, April 28, no vehicle license, $25, $20 suspended.

Can Republican Advise Democrats?

To The Editor:

The Coos Bay World, in a recent editorial, gave an account of one candidate using matches as a vote-getter and another, one Senator R. S. Chapman, passing out elaborate cards (printed at taxpayers' expense). "This of course," says the World, "is all well and good—the cards are not as valuable as matches—only thing is they were printed at state expense."

Can a Republican offer advice to Democrats for the Primary Election? Was the law giving Chapman the right to have cards printed at taxpayers' expense another Democrat-controlled piece of legislation that the three "goldust triplets," Barton, Back and Chapman, brag about? Maybe Barton can answer this one—he failed to answer other questions fired at him relative to his, Back's and Chapman's voting records in the legislature!

Now, Mr. and Mrs. Democrat, who are you going to nominate in the Primary to be your candidates in the General Election? Surely not Back or Chapman. First, ask either of them to tell you just what one little thing they have accomplished for you during their many sessions in the legislature?

Also, ask them why they helped sponsor the bill that raised the legislature salaries 700%—and why they helped smother a bill in the Special Session to cut that exhorbitant raise a meager $50 per month?

And, here's the big question to ask them: "Why did either of you vote to levy a $60,000,000 yearly tax (extra taxes) upon the people of the state—a tax that would have cost the taxpayers six hundred million dollars in ten years?"

In our estimation, Chapman and Back, without Barton there to tell 'em how to vote, would be like two lost, befuddled "Babes in the Woods!"

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DR. PREM N. NARULA, left, and research assistant, Terry Leighton, are shown in their University of Oregon medical school laboratory where Mr. Narula is studying viruses and their relationship to cancer under a grant from the American Cancer Society s Oregon division.

Rogue Lanes Closes Doors

Tuesday night, April 21, was the last night of bowling at Rogue Lanes, located in Wedderburn, according to Byron Scott, manager, who announced that he is closing down the business.

The bowling lanes never recovered after being out of business for nearly a year after the top story of the building was blown off in the Oct. 12, 1962 storm, Scott said. The inside of the building and the lanes were badly damaged at this time and Scott was not able to re-open until Oct. 1, 1963.

Firemen Change Meeting Night

At its last regular meeting the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department agreed to change its regular first Friday of the month meeting to the second Wednesday of each month.

The change was made in an effort to get larger attendance and hold present attendance record, a department member said.

EVERY WEEK READ THE NEWS

Bank Notes New Records

First National Bank of Oregon has recorded the highest first quarter deposit and loan figures in the history of the bank, it was announced by Ralph J. Voss, president of the state's leading financial institution.

Deposits climbed to $1, 041, -866, 332 for the period ending April 15, as compared with $970, 190, 000 for the similar period in 1963, for a gain of $71, 676, 332.

Loans outstanding among the statewide banking system's 97 offices also established a first quarter record with a total of $639, 652, 317. This represents a gain of more than $71 million over the March, 1963 figure.

Resources continued to top the $1 billion mark with a record first quarter total of $1, -152, 014, 018.

Figures were announced in response to the quarterly call for statements of condition by the U. S. Comptroller of the Currency.

The Port Orford branch of First National reported first quarter deposits of $2, 410, 161 and loans outstanding of $621, 040, according to Branch Manager G. R. Rush.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were $1, 977, -495 in deposits and $723, 235 in loans.

During the first quarter of 1964, First National Bank of Oregon opened a new building for the Philomath branch and completely remodeled quarters for the Moreland-Sellwood branch in Portland. Currently under construction with completion dates set for this summer are the new building for the Beaverton branch, the new drive-in banking facilities for the Salem Main branch and drive-in and parking facilities for the office in Hood River.

Construction is expected to begin soon on new buildings.

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