

Weekend Week-Ends Are Deadly

"There's no place like home!" This old saying is taking on a new twist in the light of Oregon's currently skyrocketing highway death toll. The Traffic Safety & Education Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles reports that a deadly combination of weekends and week-ends is providing the fuel for our traffic death rocket.

Trying to pick one or two significant facts out of the maze of statistical information available on traffic accidents is like trying to find a pickpocket at a nudist's picnic. But out of the reports on the over 435 reported fatal accidents this year comes the startling fact that in every month but March and August, over half of our highway deaths have been on weekends.

The breakdown runs like this: January, 25 of 43; February, 21 of 38; March, 24 of 49; April, 47 of 71; May, 24 of 40; June, 29 of 58; July, 33 of 60; August, 26 of 66; September, 43 of 67. In other words, through September, 272 of 492 highway deaths had occurred on weekends.

Isn't this a paradox? A guy beats his brains out all week looking forward to the weekend when he can let down and take it easy. Oh, maybe a little trip to the coast or up to the hills, but nothing very big.

Now, if it were the Labor Day weekend, or the Fourth of July weekend, it would be different. These are dangerous week-ends and we're not about to get out and risk our necks with all those nuts loose on the highway.

We'll wait until next weekend when those clowns will be home and then it'll be safe to venture out.

How wrong can we get? What about these so-called "dangerous" holiday weekends. Well, so far, we've killed four persons over the Fourth of July holiday, and seven persons over the long Labor Day weekend. And what does this prove? No, it doesn't prove that we've been yelling "wolf" all these years when we and others have warned of these dangerous weekends. With the fantastic outpouring of hundreds of thousands of drivers on these weekends, certainly chances of being killed, or maimed by a thoughtless or careless one go up. No, what the lower holiday weekend toll proves is that all the "viewing with alarm" has paid off. People have finally realized that we weren't kidding. These big holidays are indeed big killers . . . and so they're driving with that extra ounce of caution and courtesy that pays off in the end.

So what do we do now, about our "safe" everyday kind of weekend? No need to point out to a generally intelligent public that on any weekend, literally thousands of drivers are out that never get 10 miles from home during the week.

And that brings us to our traffic toll orbiting ingredient . . . the "week-ends." In spite of what some of those friends may think, the week end we're referring to is the one generally situated on top of the shoulders. Unfortunately, too many of these week ends belong to that thundering herd that comes out only on weekends. Some of them are just plain ignorant of the law and haven't bothered to check-up on their knowledge for 20 years or more. Some of them have physical weaknesses that render them unfit to drive . . . on a weekend or any day. Some of them are emotionally disturbed, angry, or otherwise pre-occupied. Their minds are everywhere but on their driving. Some of them are in a carload of kids, pets, and sundry noise-making devices calculated to make the trip closely resemble the inside of a rotating cement mixer.

Add to these the general jerk who thinks he can drink and drive; the long-haul lunkhead who already has 600 miles behind him for the day; and Timid Tillie who just plain doesn't have the experience or training to drive in today's traffic; and you begin to see why the odds against living through a weekend on the highway are stacked against you.

So what's our solution? Well, we could begin by advocating that a national edict be pronounced giving one third of the population their weekend on Saturday and Sunday, one third on Monday and Tuesday, etc., but we can forsee screams to high heaven about kids in school and other trivial matters. So we'll overlook that for now.

Or, we could go on record as favoring issuance of special trip permits for weekends only to those who could prove their trip to be of an emergency nature. Somewhat, our more conservative nature and dislike of regimentation and regulation balk at this solution. Or we could go a little further down this road and advocate the appointment of 50% of the drivers as "enforcement officers" on every other weekend, and assign an enforcement rider to every driver.

Or, of course, we could just continue what we've been doing all along and put the facts before you . . . that over 50% of our deaths in any average month occur on only those nine days represented by weekends, and urge you to drive accordingly. Or, on the other hand, if you don't want to give the "week ends" a shot at you, stay home!



For the last couple of weeks this column has started with something about hunting because it's that season. No comment this week . . . except to say that I haven't shot mine yet . . . but bless those that have.

See by the Oregon Coast bulletin that false rumors about road conditions in southwestern Oregon have been dispelled. No evidence of deliberate misrepresentation was found and it is believed that the adverse publicity resulted from the extensive coverage of the Christmas floods. Seems as everybody hears about such disasters and Nobody hears about the reconstruction and repairs that put things back to normal. That's a kind of natural response isn't it? The tragic events always get more play than the good. Look at it this way . . . a birth is usually acknowledged by maybe a brief story of a baby shower given to the expectant mom—then a few lines of announcement when the blessed event occurs. How much do you hear about a murder? You gotta admit, there's some contrast.

Hear by the grapevine that during the Brookings water shortage their city dads received an anonymous telegram from Salem advising them that "When up creek without paddle . . . head for Bankus."

If we can go on the basis that a book doesn't become a best-seller until it's been banned in Boston . . . that a movie won't make money unless it's been condemned by censors . . . or that a star has to attempt suicide to become famous . . . then Jack Champayne is due for notoriety as a painter of pictures. Jack has had paintings on exhibit around town and various other places for many months now . . . selling one now and again—and painting others as fast as time permits. But, as is usually the fate of struggling artists, his production has far exceeded his sales. No, however, fame should turn in his direction because something happened over the weekend that only happens to the great and famous. Yep, just like in all the big art capers, somebody stole one of his paintings from Orford's restaurant. Removed it right from the frame just like the experts, too. Sorry to see Jack lose a painting, but this apparent mad desire to possess a Champayne original, even by theft, should bring him a few dollars more per picture.

Sunday, October 24, has been designated United Nations Day by Presidential proclamation and Gov. Hatfield has urged Oregonians to support the observance.

Next Sunday marks another day, setting back the hands of

Salon Members Wear Costumes

Coos County Salon 509, Eight and Forty, met Friday, Oct. 8, at the home of Mrs. David Mickelson, Empire, with Mrs. Lyle Knox co-hostess. Witches and goblins met the members who came dressed in unusual costumes.

With the new chapeau Mrs. Bert Walberg, North Bend, presiding, the budget was discussed. Mrs. Jack Morgensen, Coos Bay, Child Welfare chairman, asked each member to bring a washable doll to the next meeting in November which the club sends for Christmas to the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado. This hospital is a non-sectarian medical center for tuberculosis, asthma, allergies and chest diseases.

The club also sends a birthday remembrance to each child in the hospital on their birthday. Following business, each member was asked to report on their summer vacation.

Attending were Mrs. David Mickelson, Mrs. Bert Walberg, Mrs. Tom Wilson, North Bend, Mrs. W. D. Spencer and Mrs. Robert Meyer, Port Orford, Mrs. Jane Torrey, Mrs. Ed Hughes, Mrs. Phil Albom and Mrs. Ada Cerding, Coquille, Mrs. Jack Morgensen and Mrs. Lyle Knox, Coos Bay.

Miss Cerding, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Albom will be in charge of the November meeting.

papers in the 4th District to give as complete information as possible on the work of the Congress and the Federal Government and how it relates to Southwestern Oregon. I have found reports to be fair, accurate and as complete as possible within the obvious space limitations. I know personally of the effort newspaper men and women make to get the facts impartially and to present them accurately. I hope your readers are aware of this too. As long as we can maintain a free flow of information, or equally important, a free opportunity for comment and criticism of our public officials and our government, democracy in America will be safe. I, for one, appreciate the role newspapers play in our self-governing society and this seems like a good time to say so.

Sincerely yours, Robert B. Duncan, Member of Congress

time . . . to Pacific Standard. Don't forget . . . at midnight the clocks go back one hour and everybody can catch up on the sleep they lost when Daylight Time stole an hour last spring.

Had a bit of activity at the News office Wednesday morning when a ferocious wild animal invaded the premises and nearly stopped all production. The savage beast stomped through the back shop, around the door and into the office area almost before anyone noticed it. At first sight, tho, all heck broke loose in an attempt to evade the charge of the teeth-grashing critter. I never thought a woman with only a month remaining before delivery could move so fast. Let me tell you it can be done . . . and with some gracefulness, yet. Have you ever tried to stand upright on a swivel-type secretary chair? She did! And when the critter turned and made a return charge she practically flew onto the front office counter. It may look kinda silly to see a grown woman in her condition standing upright on a counter, but it didn't bother her a little. She was too busy yelling instructions, as I defended myself with a long stick, to bother about appearance . . . even when a local businessman came through the front door and she did not leave her sanctuary. Well, after much pleading about deadlines and getting the paper out . . . and the promise to buy a mouse trap the very next trip to the store . . . Nancy returned to her type-setting. So, if some of the type looks a little shaky this week, you have the explanation.

Gold Beach banker Cy Ziegler dropped some food for thought at the Monday RAD meeting in Gold Beach, and aimed at the local area. Quoting figures, Cy noted that Port Orford valuation had increased by some \$33,000, that population was fairly even and that bonded indebtedness was only about \$8,000. It looks good financially, he noted, then asked the big question: "Is the city keeping up with the times?" He explained that, for instance, a working man receives about the same wage in any sawmill throughout the state, yet some cities provide this working man with adequate housing, paved streets, sidewalks, sewer service, etc. The city that does not provide these facilities cannot expect to attract the working man away from an area that does . . . or keep the working man after he finds another community that does offer such advantages. It boils down to the fact that in order to entice anyone . . . the worker, the retired, business or industry . . . you have to provide at least as much as can be enjoyed elsewhere. People are naturally attracted to areas that show an interest in advancement. All the publicity in the world will not convince a person, for long at least, that beautiful scenery, nice people or a mild climate will overshadow dusty streets, inadequate housing, no walks and plugged septic tanks. Nuff said.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. George Moelber will be in charge of the devotions, Mrs. Walter Pratt will give the Bible study, and Mrs. V. H. Jamieson will be in charge of the refreshments at the Oct. 21, meeting of the Lutheran Church Women, 7:30 p. m. in the fireside room of the church. The dishes have been ordered for the kitchen and should arrive soon, it was reported.

AWARDS GIVEN

For completing twelve weeks of Sunday School and church attendance without missing more than one Sunday, Tony, Jerita and Gayle Hefner received their No. 1 pin and for attending twenty-four weeks Clint and Gerald Stole received their No. 2 pin.

CHURCH YOUTH HOLD SKATING PARTY

The C. A. group of the Port Orford Assembly of God Church combined with the C. A. group of the Brookings Assembly in a

Rural Water Resource Loans Available For Development

Rural communities together with neighboring farmers may obtain loans from the Farmers Home Administration to develop the water resources they need according to the agency's local county supervisor.

"Recent legislation has broadened this credit aid. Individual farmers and rural residents with water problems can team up to obtain a loan for securing a good water supply

and distributing the water to their farms and homes. Rural communities may also use water development loans to develop water supplies necessary to attract industry as part of the rural areas development activity."

technical aid they need, but FHA engineers will see that proposed improvements are sound and that cost estimates and plans are complete. After a loan is made, the agency periodically inspects progress to see that funds are used as agreed upon and that construction meets approved standards.

LIONS AUXILIARY SET DINNER PARTY

The executive committee of the Port Orford Lions Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Bates, president, to make final plans for a fifty anniversary dinner at Orford's Cedar Room Oct. 26. Invitations have been sent to all Lions Auxiliaries in District E to bring their Lions and come to the party. A social hour is set for 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. and dinner at 7:30 p. m. The past presidents of the Lions Auxiliary are Mrs. Leland Wells, Mrs. Ira Tucker, Mrs. Milton Leer, Mrs. Lester Krigbaum, Mrs. Roy Enlund and Mrs. Burrell Babb.

JUSTICE COURT

Cases appearing before Justice Lloyd Bates in Justice Court since last report were: Blaine Marsh, Oct. 1, overlord, \$15; Lloyd Marshall, Sept. 30, overwidth, \$15; Nancy Justice, Oct. 2, one headlight, \$5, suspended; Mary Lou Geer, Oct. 6, VBR, \$14; Gerald Zimmerman, Oct. 1, failure to drive on right side of highway, \$15; Travis Perkins, Oct. 2, excessive noise, \$10, suspended; Emil George McDonald, Oct. 10, no vehicle license, \$5; Robert Terry Holmquist, Oct. 12, improper muffler, \$5; Erzell Rose, Oct. 15, truck speeding, \$10.

At Scout Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Coquille Valley District Committee of the Boy Scouts was held last Tuesday evening at the Coquille Community Building.

Lud Scharfer, district chairman, presided. Subjects of primary discussion were camping and activities, and organization of the committees concerned with them.

The meeting was attended by Leroy Kensrud of Eugene, Scout executive representing the Oregon Trail Council, and Dave Chamberlin, a visitor from the Grater Lake Council.

Among local persons attending were James Russell and Jack Lennox, both of Port Orford.

An association loan for water development or soil conservation purposes may be made for as much as \$1,000,000 if the funds are supplied by a private lender and insured by the FHA, or up to \$500,000 if made from direct funds appropriated by the Congress.

The interest rate on an association loan varies from 4 1/2 to 5 percent depending on the source of funds and the money market at the time the loan is made. Loans are scheduled for repayment over periods up to 40 years.

Water development and soil conservation loans may be used to finance water supply reservoirs, rural water supply distribution systems, pumps, pumping plants, pipelines and other facilities necessary for an adequate water system.

These loans may also be made to develop or improve soil conserving measures such as the construction and repair of terraces, dikes, ponds and tanks, ditches and canals; drainage, waterways and erosion control structures.

Associations eligible for loans include non-profit organizations such as incorporated irrigation, drainage and water supply districts, cooperative water users' associations, municipalities, mutual water companies, soil conservation districts, and flood control districts.

Associations applying for loans obtain and pay for the

Bandon Home To Be Visited

Prospective members of Alpha Psi chapter of E. S. A. attended the model meeting last Wednesday evening at the home of Thelma Foster.

The coming Halloween Party was discussed and all girls were reminded to bring repairable toys and appliances, paperback books, to the next meeting. These will be sent to the Veterans Home.

The Bandon Retirement Home will be visited monthly by Sorority members. They will read, write for, or visit with patients residing there after serving refreshments.

It was decided to write the annual letter to the merchants for the Christmas Association.

An excellent Educational Program on Pakistan was given by Dorothy Valet, followed by the closing ritual.

Guests attending were Mrs. Harold Hight, Mrs. Chuck Comer, Mrs. Linda Couch, Mrs. Brice Wagner, Mrs. June Dennison and Mrs. Shirley Coleman.

Sunset Club Plans Holiday Activities

The Sunset Garden club held their monthly all-day meeting Friday, Oct. 15, at the home of Viola Spencer.

They met at 10 a. m. and worked on Christmas decorations for the Bazaar until noon when a potluck luncheon was enjoyed.

During the business meeting in the afternoon, Velma Robison, Fern Townley and Pauline Clarke reported on the District Federation of Garden Clubs meeting held at the Tioga Hotel, Coos Bay, Sept. 29.

Plans were made for the clubs annual Thanksgiving dinner which is slated for Nov. 19, at the home of Elaine Crose.

Twelve members were present with Amy Mensch, Shirley Hardy and Gayla Jacobsen as guests.

New Law Fines Fee Violator

The first fine for violation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act in the Pacific Northwest Region was imposed in Portland this week by U. S. Commissioner Claire Mundorff.

The Commissioner imposed a \$15 fine on a Portlander who failed to pay campground fees at the Little Crater Campground on the Deschutes National Forest.

skating party at Crescent City last Saturday evening. Approximately 63 people attended and a 'skidding good time' was reported.

Monday night, the C. A. S. accompanied by Pastor and Mrs. Sharp, journeyed to North Bend for a South Coast section C. A. rally, "The Pilgrims," a gospel rally, was a feature of the program.

LETTERS to the Editor

Opposes County Aid To Cities

To The Editor: In my opinion, the decision of the Curry County Court to limit the distribution of \$300,000. of county funds to the three incorporated cities in Curry county is discriminatory. This money should not be available for political mulch.

Any municipality, whether a water district, port district, fire district, or cemetery district that has a project to complete or in the planning stage, is entitled to share in the distribution on a joint municipality-county basis and should not be eliminated, if it desires to cooperate with the county on a joint project.

It appears that the desire to spend county funds where the money will do the most good is surpassed only by the political desire to spend it in the most populated areas of the county where the greatest number of voters reside.

It is most unfortunate that this \$300,000. cannot be given to the schools without a loss in the state aid because then the entire county would benefit and rightfully so. It seems that the authorities beyond the coun-

ty have earmarked this money to some extent for specific purposes of their own choosing.

It is conceded that the county court has the right to tax and spend, and the broadness of this right is manifold. But all the rights in the book weren't intended for just the county court. There is such a thing as a moral right that adds up to justice for all, even if it does conflict with the political ambition of the spenders. This moral right should not be abridged.

Yours for better government at a better price. M. L. DeMARTIN Harbor, Oregon

TO THE EDITOR

October 10 through 16 was set aside as the week in which to observe the special contribution that the press makes to our communities, our state and our nation.

At the heart of self-government and a basic source of strength of a democracy is a well-informed electorate. My experience has been that the newspapers serve as a vital link between the public and those elected to serve at various levels of government. Without the daily flow of news of public affairs no democratic government could long function.

As a matter of fact, one of the first targets of a new dictatorship is the press, for no dictatorship can exist with a free press; and no democracy can exist without it.

I am particularly appreciative of the efforts made by news-

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