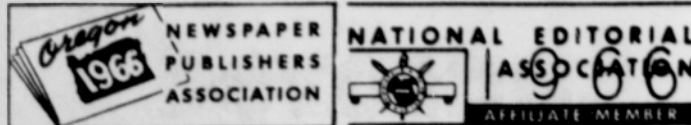


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Victims Of Unconcern

We're not absolutely sure whether we should offer "condolences" or "congratulations" to Oregon's motoring public for the disgusting record over the recent Fourth of July weekend. If we can assume that the majority of our public are conscientious, law-abiding citizens who deplore the irresponsible actions of the few who cause the vast majority of our traffic problems, then condolences would seem to be in order. We're sorry that in spite of all your efforts to promote highway safety, the solutions continue to elude you.

On the other hand, if we can assume that a vast majority of our population just doesn't care about highway safety... that they figure it's a case of "let John do it"... if they actually condone irresponsible conduct on the highways through their apathy toward needed traffic legislation and aroused citizen concern, if we can assume all this, then we can say "congratulations"... you got just what you lack of action says you wanted. Actually, we feel that the general outlook of the public on traffic safety lies somewhere between these two extremes. A rather small group is convinced that any efforts to curtail conduct on the highway in any manner is an infringement of their personal rights. They not only exhibit total lack of concern for their fellow motorists through their driving behavior, but actively resist any effort to bring about needed reforms through legislation, etc.

On the other hand, there is probably about the same segment of the population who are critically aware of the total growth of the highway problem in the last twenty years, and are equally aware of the fact that measures to control the problem are approximately twenty years behind time. These persons actively solicit the support of legislators, editors, and any interested individual for remedial measures.

Then there is the vast in-between group upon whose shoulders the blame for the traffic problem must ultimately rest. Since this is the largest segment of the population, they carry the balance of power in any display of strength through concern. Yet, they condone the traffic problem by the very fact that they do nothing. Sure, they recognize the fact that a problem exists... that it is indeed a tragedy that nearly 700 people died on our highways last year... that these deaths cost the people of the State of Oregon \$122,920,000 in economic loss in 1965 alone... that 28,451 persons were injured in varying degrees, some of them so seriously that they'll be nothing but living vegetables for the rest of their lives. Yet, somehow this array of disgustingly needless carnage fails to arouse more than a casual comment on the part of this, our largest group of citizens.

I guess what we're really trying to say is that we're not really surprised at the highway death toll over the recent holiday, nor, for that matter, the continually rising total daily list of highway fatalities. This tragic tally is only the measure of our "unconcern" with the problem. Until this large "let John do it" segment of our population decides that something should be done, progress will be slow indeed. On the other hand, informed concern communicated to our Legislators will work miracles. Stand and be counted. The next "victim of unconcern" might well be you or one of yours.

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Agricultural Hall State Committee of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, I wish to thank the people of Port Orford and North Curry County, for their cooperation and enthusiastic support of the Benefit Auction held at Battle Rock State Park, just preceding the July 4th Fireworks display.

We, at OMSI, especially appreciated the leadership given by your community Auction Committee—which was headed by your Chamber of Commerce President Delbert Neal, and State Grange Agriculture Committee Chairman Clarence Brooks of Sixes Grange, serving as co-chairmen, and you as news chairman. The success of this event is a tribute to your leadership. It was my privilege and pleasure to work with this committee and to also attend the auction.

The merchants, business men, farmers, grangers and individuals who contributed more than 150 articles for the Auction are also to be commended. This was the 17th County Auction to be held as a benefit for Agriculture Hall, and was noted for some special features. It was a joint effort by the County OMSI Ag. Hall Committee, and the Curry County Siskiyou West Foundation Committee, with Bill Crook serving as chairman of both committees. It was the one and only "Auction" to feature sale of "Freshly Caught Salmon" contributed by 15 Cape Fishermen; Home-made Pies from Sixes Grange Women were also a leader—especially among the younger set. The wide range of articles including services, household and other equipment, and farm products stimulated vigorous participation in the bidding. I felt fortunate to win a "Salmon", and one of Docia Sweet's loaves of Pumpkin bread, but was too slow to win the bid on the bolt of rose print terry cloth, contributed by Neal's

Variety Store. That's the fun of an Auction—let me know when you stage the next one.

Again many thanks to all the wonderful people in the Port Orford community. We hope to dedicate the new Agricultural Hall and the new Planetarium at OMSI early in 1967. You're all invited! And do visit us at OMSI on your next trip to Portland.

Mable C. Mack, Coordinator
Agricultural Hall, OMSI

First Tetanus Victim Better

Oregon's first case of tetanus this year has been reported in Umatilla County.

The victim, a 42-year-old woman, is said to be making good recovery from the highly toxic disease, according to Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, State Health Officer.

Her illness from the infection commonly known as lockjaw apparently developed from a minor scratch. Symptoms of tetanus toxin, the second deadliest known poison, began to appear about one week later. Treatment by her physician included dosages of human hyper-immune globulin.

Dr. Wilcox called attention to the seemingly trivial nature of the skin break believed to be the portal of entry for tetanus spores.

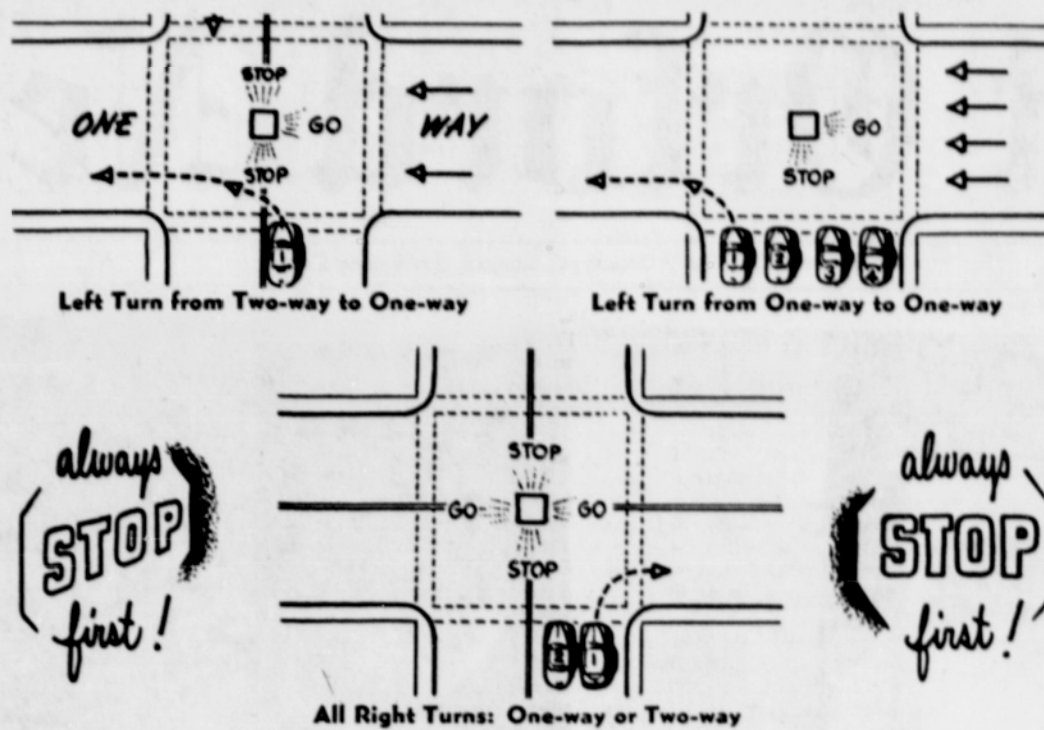
"Any wound, no matter how small, could admit the germs of tetanus. They exist almost anywhere, and may be dust-borne to our clothing and bodies," he pointed out.

The best possible protection against tetanus is immunization, Dr. Wilcox emphasized. Booster shots should be obtained at least every four years in order to maintain tetanus immunity.

Of the 276 persons stricken by tetanus in the United States last year, four were Oregon residents. None of the four had been immunized, and one died as a result of the infection. Fatalities average more than 50% of those who contract tetanus.

SHOP HOME TOWN STORES FIRST

Yes, you CAN turn against the red light



Oregon law permits turns against the red light after first stopping, to make sure the way is clear, according to the Oregon State Motor Association, AAA Club, which says traffic through intersections could be greatly speeded if more motorists knew and took advantage of this law. Proper methods of making turns against red light are shown above in the diagram prepared by the Oregon Motor Vehicle Department.



It always happens to the other guy... everything good I mean. Like the Wyoming oilman who recently found oil in a hand-dug well 21 feet deep. Seems like this fellow, Al Smith, used pick, shovel and a few sticks of dynamite because time was running out on his lease and no drilling rig was available, according to an item in Oil Facts. The item also said this was the first known hand-dug well in existence... the average well being over 4,000 feet deep.

How many parents out there in reader land have at one time or another, while traveling with youngsters in the car or while having special company, threatened the onerous young-uns by saying: "If you don't behave right now I'll tan your hide... right on the street, in this store, even if company is here... etc., but usually don't? Going home to lunch Friday I saw it happen and I want to thank the gentleman for carrying out all of my threats. As I was approaching Hahn Hardware, I saw a VW camper stopped across from the Marsh residence and three or four young boys standing by its side. Then around the rear of the vehicle comes Pop with belt in hand and proceeds to lay the leather to the whole passel... without concern about the rest of the world.

Speaking about kids, the bride was in the local beauty emporium last Friday and heard a real kid's classic. Hairdresser Audrey Kreiger told it this way. Her granddaughters, ages 3 and 5, here to visit, had gone to bed and in a few minutes the eldest called Grandmother Audrey and told her that little sister said her prayers so fast that God couldn't even hear her!

The logic of children is something of wonder. The bride was talking to number three daughter, 3 1/2 years, the other day when the youngster wanted to know if: "I'm your kid aren't I mommy?" The bride, teasing, wanted to know why daughter thought she was her kid and got this for an answer: "Well, because when daddy goes to the door and hollers, 'Kids come in and wash for supper', I always come don't I?"

Rotarians last week had a bit of excitement while building the swim float on Garrison Lake... to be used for summer swim classes. The way I hear it, George Hahn apparently slipped—and got stranded with his feet on one log and his hands on another... and while slipping, bumped Leo Phillips who bumped Gil Rush who in turn bumped Glorious Leader Harry Price knocking him square into the lake up to his waist. Hahn escaped a dunking when Phillips came to the rescue and hauled him to safety over his shoulder. You can't tell me a picture like that wouldn't be worth a thousand words!

I think a new low in letter writing was reached last week by former residents, the Frenchie Delamaters, now in Corvallis. Or maybe it was just because they were suffering from heatstroke and fantastic living. Anyway they did write... one letter and several carbon copies. But seeing the same things several times is better than seeing nothing at all. (That last sentence sounds odd, I know, but really now... who ever actually HEARD anything in a letter?)

Court Kuehnert was in town the past few days... still wearing that happy California smile. Made his good wife Lois stay home and keep the business going... maybe that's why the smile (?).

The state finished the paving recently of 14th to Arizona, and north two blocks to 12th St. Plumb forgot to mention it. 'Course, you can't tell a heck of a lot of difference between it was mostly paved already.

Heard about several out-of-towners that came here the 4th 'specially to see the Battle of Battle Rock re-enactment... one lady was from Idaho yet. Maybe the effort involved and the actual production seemed like a lot of work... a foolishness... but even after skipping a couple years there are still people who remember and appreciated the effort. Maybe there should be more thought given to bringing back the BIG celebration that we use to have.

To whom it may concern: There were NO fireworks displays that completely fizzled out because of wind... you may have fallen asleep or plain weren't paying attention... or were even jealous of our grand exhibition. In any case you are certainly welcome back next year for another treat of artistry in explosives.

A new face in the local medical clinic office is that of Marguerite Wilson... replacing Jo Rose who recently moved to Bandon where husband Jack recently moved his auto garage.

Rotarian Charlie Haines put the credit for the Rotary Field where it was due at the Tuesday luncheon. Haines told fellow members that the whole idea was formulated more than two years ago by Norm Baker... your friendly postmaster... and carried out under presidents Johnny Mayes and Leo Phillips... and a lot of club members. But, Haines pointed out, it was Baker's enthusiasm and drive that got the ball rolling. The next time you happen to be in the post office why not tell Norm that you think it's a good job, too.

Something that should be a concern of legislators is the long, long, period of time between the primary and general elections in Oregon. Someone in time past must have had a reason for the six-month interim—but the purpose, if it was initially sound, has long since ceased to have any benefit to either candidates or voters.

It's a sure fact that candidates for state and local offices don't need six months to get their message to the voter. One or two months should be ample for even the slowest office seeker.

All the six-month period does is invite problems that waste time and money and reduces authority of incumbent candidates, who lose the primaries, to practically that of a figure-head.

Take the current Curry County sheriff race as an example. The incumbent lost in the primary. All deputies under him, are also faced with the possibility of no jobs under a new sheriff... because he can clean house if he desires. So, these deputies, out of necessity for their own welfare, are inclined to seek a more secure job environment. This automatically

puts the sheriff in an awkward position because he'll usually find it difficult to hire qualified help for less than six-months guaranteed work. The more deputies who leave the department the greater the problem. Deputies that remain do not always retain the highest morale, either.

And here's another ridiculous situation that prevails. The incumbent sheriff must prepare the fiscal budget that the new sheriff must operate with for about eight months of his first year in office. This situation doesn't occur because of the time element... except that the year falls within it... but it does occur.

What is to keep both the sheriff and deputies, alike, to sluff off for that last six months? What's to keep the sheriff from preparing a lousied-up budget? What's to keep the whole department from taking other employment and leaving the office bare?

In this particular case it's personal integrity... but in other times or offices or departments across the state this may not be the case... and this is why something should be done to eliminate the possibility of this occurring.

Ag Makes Gains: 37 Fed By Farmer

U. S. agriculture, already the most efficient and productive the world has ever known, took a giant step forward in 1965.

Each American farm worker in 1965 produced enough food for 37 persons. In 1964, each worker produced enough for 33. Back in 1955, only a decade ago, the American farm worker produced enough food for fewer than 20 persons.

This was one of the new, significant reports released by the Statistical Reporting Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Service, according to Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State University, is celebrating its 100th year as a reporter of news and statistics on the nation's agriculture.

The work of the department has charted, and in many instances guided, the unprecedented advancements made by this nation's agriculture during the past 100 years, Mrs. Horrell noted.

In Oregon, selected reports from the Statistical Reporting Service are interpreted for the public and for agricultural producers and marketers by the economic information division of the OSU Cooperative Extension Service. Mrs. Horrell, and fellow extension economists Marion Thomas and Stephen Marks,

FARM BUREAU FURROW

Prospects Bright For Japan Trade

By GEORGE DEWEY
Executive Secretary

(Editorial Note: George Dewey, executive secretary of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, has recently returned from a trip to Japan as a guest of the Association for International Collaboration of Farmers.)

A Yankee trader going to Japan with a glittering array of commodities to sell will be met by the most gracious and courteous people in the world. They are hosts par excellence. And in trading they are experts, too, because they have spent virtually centuries intruding with other countries.

Probably 75% to 85% of all the export-import business in Japan is done through "trading companies." These are organizations acting somewhat as a broker would normally do, except that they have licenses and quotas granted them by the Japanese government. Many of them are subsidiaries of some of the largest corporate organizations operating in Japan.

And so, to be able to actually make a sale of agricultural commodities in Japan, the door must first be opened to allow the commodities to be sold.

The United States in its trade promotion is many years behind every other country that is exporting to Japan. The reason for this, of course, is that most other countries, to survive economically, had to sell their

commodities and did so by merchandising them through the use of trade promotional teams and trade promotional tours.

This does not mean, however, that the opportunities are not bright for the sale of agricultural commodities in Japan.

The standard of living is rising. The individual has more money to spend, and there is a remarkable change in eating habits. There is a marked increase in the consumption of protein foods. Although beef is now on limited import quotas, the possibilities for Oregon-grown beef to be sold to Japan in the near future are most promising.

Canned vegetables and fruit are other products that have a promising future. High quality jams and jellies—high-priced, incidentally—already have found a luxury market in the Japan economy.

However, any sales in the future will depend on two major factors: 1) the competition to make the sale will become greater from other countries, primarily from the Far East, and 2) the political attitudes of both the Japanese and the U.S. government and the changes they may make policy-wise relative to both importation and exportation of commodities.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Enjoying the 4th of July weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCool was their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Turnidge of Eugene. Darrell is studying for his PhD in Math at the University of Oregon.

Semi-monthly investment of \$18.75 in Series E U. S. Savings Bonds will produce an accumulated value of \$3,595 in just seven years' time.

Oregon Broiler Festival Dated

The 10th Annual Oregon Broiler Festival in Springfield will be officially opened by Gov. Mark O. Hatfield at noon Saturday.

The governor will be served the 1966 Festival's first piece of barbecued Oregon chicken. This piece of chicken will be the beginning of an anticipated 13,000 fryer halves to be cooked and served by the Oregon Broiler Grower's Association. The event will be held in Willamalane Park in Springfield on Saturday and Sunday.

Valley of the Rogue State Park, which had 69 overnight camping sites, has 48 additional sites now. It is located on the Rogue River on Interstate 5 between Medford and Grants Pass. This park, extensively damaged in the 1964 floods, has been completely repaired.

Detroit Lake State Park has added 74 overnight sites to its previous total of 160. It is located near Detroit on ORE27, along the shores of Detroit Reservoir.

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