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Let's Hear It For The Good Drivers

Oregon recorded an all-time high number of traffic deaths last year but there is now convincing evidence that most of the State's drivers stay out of traffic trouble for extended periods of time... at least up to four years.

This reassuring word was released Monday by Governor Tom McCall.

McCall said the Motor Vehicles Division (MVD) has just completed a study of the State's driving population and that of the more than 1,483,000 drivers of record in 1971 nearly 79 per cent had no accidents or traffic violation convictions on their records during that year.

When accidents alone were considered, 92 per cent of all drivers of record had a clean slate in 1971. Eighty-four per cent were violation free.

The study also found that slightly more than one million drivers of record had records for at least the last four years in Oregon. Of those with the four year records (1968-71), nearly 81 per cent had no accidents during that time and 60 per cent had no traffic violation convictions.

Governor McCall and Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the MVD, cited the study as further proof that the majority of the State's drivers "are responsible and drive with considerable skill despite increasing traffic volumes and increasing complexities of traffic patterns."



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Speaker Has Long-Range Goals For Legislative Effectiveness

The soft wit and gentle demeanor displayed by House Speaker Richard Eymann, D-Springfield, are misleading. He is an extremely ambitious man.

Right now that ambition is focused generally on the job to be done by the State Legislature's 60-member lower chamber. But more specifically, he's concerned about the permanent imprint the body he controls by a clear-cut 33-27 Democrat majority leaves on his adopted state.

Until adjournment some four or five months hence, no other ambition will cloud the issue at hand.

"I have no present desire to serve in the Senate or any other higher office," he said shortly after the session opened. "After a term or two as Speaker I might even come back and just serve in the House."

But he made perfectly clear the job at hand will occupy every moment in the foreseeable future. When it's over he might even return to private business as he has in the past.

Never out of politics since the early 1950s -- but periodically out of office -- Speaker Eymann first ran for the Legislature almost by accident. A member of a Lane County Demo Central Committee assigned to find candidates for five positions in 1954, this session's Speaker and another committeeman offered themselves to fill their party's slate after turning up only three others.

"All five were unsuccessful that year," Eymann recalls. But he ran again in '56 and was elected -- along with the other committeeman, Rep. Keith Skelton, who now represents Multnomah County.

After his first session in 1957, Eymann was appointed secretary of the State Tax Commission and sat out the '59 session in that capacity. He returned to office for the '61-'63 sessions and was elected his party's House Majority Leader during the latter.

The tax revolt was an even more volatile issue a decade ago, however, and following referral and defeat of the '63 session's attempt to raise income tax revenue by eliminating the federal deduction, Dick Eymann was again back in private business.

Of the experience, Speaker Eymann believes taxpayers do not favor a tax shift solution to the property tax dilemma, especially if a majority bears the brunt. His support this session of Gov. Tom McCall's tax and educational finance reform package is based on his belief such a shift will be avoided.

At any rate, he chose not to run for the '67 session and was returned to the House for action in '68-'71 and served as Demo Whip and later his party's leader when then Rep. Harl Haas was appointed to the Senate.

The 53-year-old (54 on Feb.

3) son of a Swiss immigrant circuit-riding Baptist minister, Eymann's childhood and youth provided experiences that prepared him to serve easily with liberal and conservative alike. Born in Canada, he came to the U.S. with his German-speaking father, mother and sister at an early age and watched the elder Eymann preach from pulpits in and around Scottsbluff, Nebr.; LaSalle, Colo.; Linton, N. Dak.; and Dallas, Oregon. His father and mother then managed the old Baptist Manor retirement home in Portland's Montavilla District for three years.

His father's inability to master English to the satisfaction of younger members of his congregations eventually caused him to leave ministerial posts and by the Depression of the Thirties Anaheim, Calif. was their home and the Works Progress Administration was the family's prime provider.

During Eymann's high school years his father turned to gardening but the speaker vividly recalls the entire family picking berries for what is now known as Knott's Berry Farm.

Shunning further education, Eymann forsook post graduate studies in business to follow the sea and spent almost a year as steward and waiter aboard a 12-passenger intercoastal freighter calling on ports from Puget Sound through the Panama Canal to Boston and back again.

Aboard ship conversation between bunkmates was largely about the need for further formal schooling. The young steward was inspired by older sailors' determination to "bust the sea" by enrolling in correspondence courses.

So at age 19 he explored collegiate possibilities -- with an eye on some Eastern university with an adequate scholarship program for young Californians. Dartmouth College was his choice and in addition to his education, Dick Eymann acquired a bride at Hanover -- his wife and mother of their eight children, Juanita.

He earned his degree before being drafted into the Army and after serving as a radar mechanic in the South Pacific, returned to Dartmouth for a Master's in Commercial Science. Longing to return to the Pacific Coast, Eymann and a Dartmouth buddy, former Treas. Robert Straub, both took jobs with Weyerhaeuser in Everett. Learning the lumber business from the ground up, Eymann's first job was as a sawmill hand, later time-keeper and accountant in Springfield when the company opened its present plant in the Oregon community that's been his home ever since.

He rose to the post of employment manager and then took a "flier" at Nevada tungsten mining, returned to make productive his 100-acre Mohawk Valley sheep ranch near Marcola, designed some houses for builder Bob Straub,



Well, George, I didn't get the column writ last week as I had intended... but I have a good excuse... or had, however you look at it. What happened is my typesetting machine done give out on me Tuesday afternoon... and when that happens it's like everything comes to a halt.

Our composing (typesetting) machines consist of two units, a recorder and a reader. The recorder punches a coded paper tape that is fed into the reader, which then sets justified copy... type that comes out in column width ready to be made up in pages, after proofing, cutting, etc.

I had just finished setting the Social Events tape on the recorder, and when I fed the tape into the reader... things fell apart. I mean that second machine wouldn't read anything right. And on top of that, the carriage return belt got jammed in a gear wheel. I called the repair center in Eugene and we tried to figure out my problem over the phone.

After 30 minutes, we didn't accomplish a thing. I worked on it some more with no luck. And when you have an entire tape full of set copy you never believe you won't get things fixed... so you waste valuable time trying, instead of going to something else.

So I fiddled with the machine some more Tuesday night, went to the council meeting, came back to work at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday and fiddled some more. Called Eugene at 8:30... then decided to go back to the old method of setting type on my IBM typewriter.

A good machine but it requires setting the copy twice, and takes more than twice as long to get the same amount of finished copy. But we finally made it... except for the city council story and this column.

I just can't find it in me to complain about the breakdown down too much, though. Sure it was mighty frustrating... but it's the first time it has happened to us in more than 15 years of grinding out the News, and the first time the city council story hasn't appeared the same week as the meeting. So what's to complain about.

Anyway, the machines were taken to Eugene Thursday, and by Friday at 5 p.m., they were back in operation.

Week before last, when the typesetting machine was still operating normally so I don't really have a good excuse, I accidentally credited the Clyde Watsons with taking a three-week vacation down California.

tried his hand at business research and real estate before becoming assistant to the president of Lane Community College in 1966.

It's probably not completely accurate to call Eymann's present speakership a lifetime desire. But he did minor in political science at Dartmouth and his career in public life came more or less naturally.

Now that he does occupy a position of power, Eymann wants to make the most of it. Along with Sen. Pres. Jason Boe, D-Reedsport, the two are forging new procedures in both houses.

He doesn't see the 57th session of the State Legislature enacting a blueprint for Oregon's future. But he does seek broad developmental guidelines encompassing environment, economy and government.

In short, he hopes this legislature's historical imprint will be what he would label a beginning for lawmaking aimed at state management toward specific, future objectives.

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

HOW MUCH MORE STATE CONTROLLED LAND?

A pending bill by State Senator Hector McPherson, R-Albany, would create a five man commission appointed by the Governor to control "areas of critical state concern." The areas which would be covered by the bill includes: any scenic waterways, and adjacent lands, all lands a quarter mile from such waterways, all lands between Highway 101 and the sea, lands within 1,000 feet of scenic roads, waterways, or all estuaries and all county parks in unincorporated areas.

I cannot see a very bright future for the rural landowners of this state if this bill is passed. For our Grade A dairy operation here on the Elk River, near Port Orford, this could mean many problems. One of the facts we face is that our pasture land is split by the Elk River, and our dairy animals cross the river summer and winter to graze. Since 1917 this property has been a dairy and I hope to be going a long time into the future, providing the state doesn't say that we will have to install diapers on our cows each time they wade the river.

If this bill is passed, it would infringe on rural landowners' rights everywhere in the state. The right to own, sell, lease and use one's land with a minimum of government interference is an American heritage that should be preserved.

If you agree with me in opposing this Bill by Senator

Way. Well... the truth be known, it was actually the Charles Watsons, Rachel Watson, who is the wife of Clyde and reporter for Social Events, wanted me to be sure and get that correction in as quick as all get out. Says Clyde hardly gets enough time off to take her to Coos Bay, that she doesn't have any children in California, and certainly NO grandchildren... anywhere. I've done me duty.

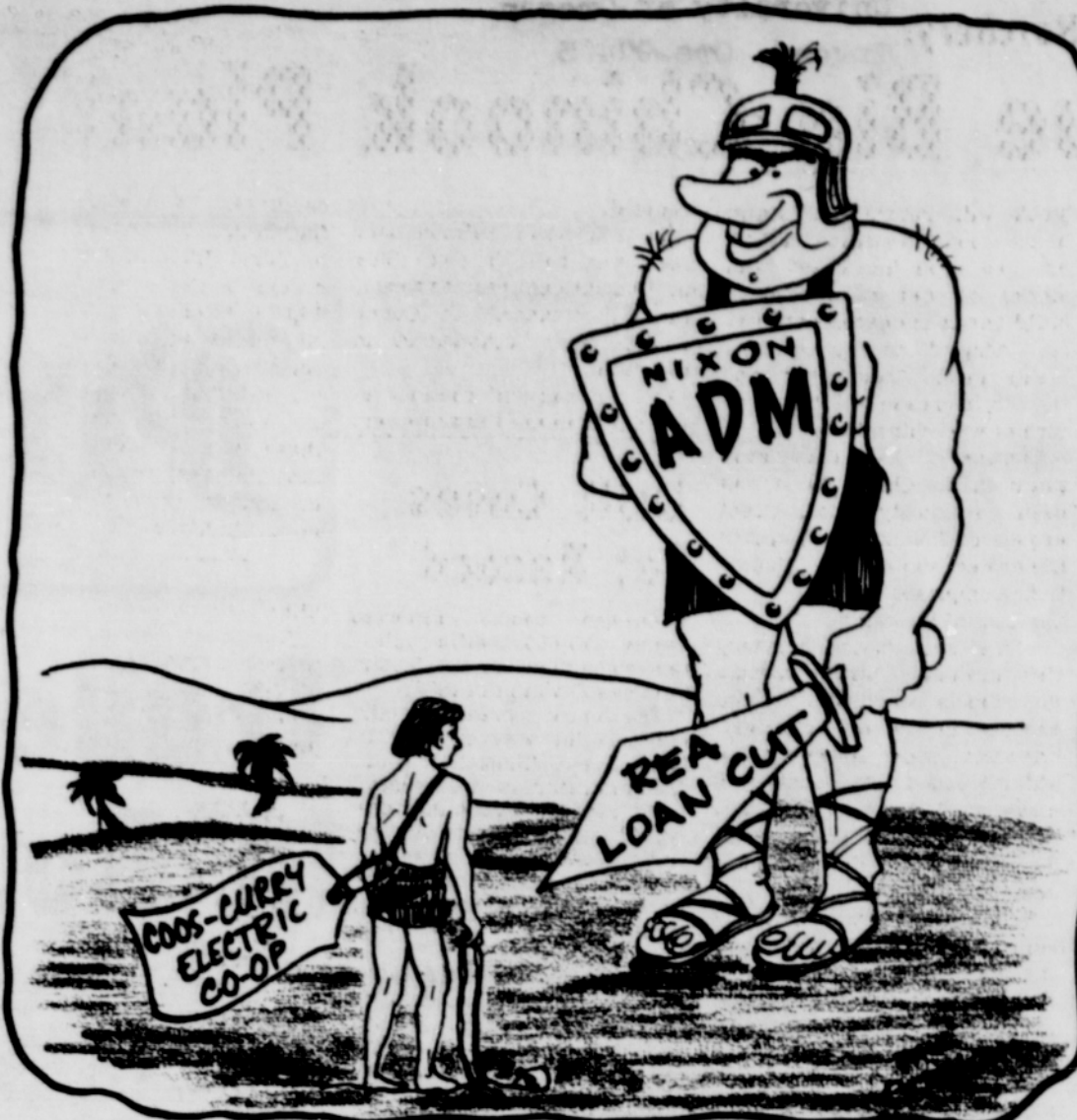
The State Game Commission dealt me a low blow this week. After my unsuccessful attempts after the big bucks, which I related in this column, they had the nerve to send me a questionnaire. It didn't take long to fill out, tho. And they DID pay the postage.

Speaking of postage reminds me of the postoffice. I'm still getting mail that I should have received at least three weeks before Christmas. I know it isn't the fault of the local crew, however, 'cause when they've got mail IN, they put it OUT!

Had the flu at your house yet, George? We've had one or two down with it at the "funny farm" the last week or so... nothin' too wild... then things started picking up and by Saturday there was six out of the eight of us moaning and groaning all at once. A couple even produced fevers that topped the 103 mark. Bride, tho, was lucky and missed the flu, (so far) tho she did manage a severe infection of the inner ear, an early infection of the lungs and a gland problem, for better than a week previous. She got over her problems (or nearly so) just in time to play Florence Nightengale to the rest of us. I mean if the authorities had inspected the farm anytime Sunday, they'd have surely cited ol' Bride for operating a hospital without a license.

"Snooty abuse" is a new problem (litter-wise) currently being discussed by the Brookings Harbor school's board of directors. Seems that male students have been depositing their snoots in the nearest and easiest spots. Everybody has their little problems.

A fourth annual statewide fund raising drive has been launched by the Kidney Association of Oregon to obtain \$200,000... to continue the life-saving program for 23 patients in the state on artificial kidney machines... and to expand the program to add new patients. The place to send your contributions locally is Kidney Association of Oregon, P.O. Box 1221, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444.



dellenback Report

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

Abolition Of The Electoral College

On January 6 the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States met in joint session and formally counted the electoral votes for President and Vice President. The session provided no surprises -- Richard M. Nixon was declared duly elected as President and Spiro T. Agnew as Vice President -- but there was one unsettling aspect of the proceedings.

One elector, however, chosen by Virginia voters who had supported the Nixon-Agnew ticket, voted instead for two Libertarian candidates: John Hospers (of California) for President and Theodora Nathan (of Oregon) for Vice President. Thus those Virginians who had trusted Roger MacBride to vote for Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew saw their elector cast his votes for "strangers."

A similar thing happened four years ago when a man from the south disregarded his obligation to vote the way he had pledged to the voters he would. While the votes of these two maverick electors, made no actual difference in the outcome of either election, the possibility of a single faithless elector, or a group of faithless electors, "stealing" a close election is very real. This is a frightening possibility.

Three times, in 1824, 1876 and 1888, a President was elected by the Electoral College who had failed to win a majority of the popular vote. There was a great deal of speculation prior to the 1968 election that neither Richard Nixon nor Hubert Humphrey would be able to win a majority of electoral votes because of third-party candidate George Wallace's popularity. Fortunately the nation never had to face up to that challenge, but we came close.

In 1969 the House of Representatives voted 339 to 70 to pass a proposed amendment to the Constitution to abolish the Electoral College in favor of a direct popular election. I strongly supported that proposed amendment and said at that time, "The Electoral College system has outlived whatever soundness and usefulness it may once have had."

Because the 1969 proposal died in the Senate without action by that body, we still have the Electoral College. On January 3 of this year, the first day of the 93rd Congress, I introduced a proposal in the U.S. House of Representatives which would end the two-century old Electoral College. My measure, essentially the same proposal which passed the House in 1969, calls for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President.

Frankly, I think there is a real chance for passage of this proposed amendment, and certainly there is need for it. An identical amendment has been sponsored by a bi-partisan coalition of 47 Members of the House. While that fact makes it possible that House passage of the legislation may come in this session, there are time consuming hurdles to be overcome.

Both the House and the Senate must give a two-thirds vote of approval. The President must sign the proposal. Then three-fourths of the States must ratify the Constitutional amendment within seven years. If the new system is to be effective for the 1976 Presidential elections, it is important we start the ball rolling now.

McPherson and want to be heard, write Rep. Ed (Doc) Stevenson or Sen. Jack Ripper, Salem Oregon. Or, for more information, you can write to Oregon Rural Landowners' Association, P.O. Box 885, Salem, Oregon 97308. Sincerely, Bruce Wagner

TO THE EDITOR:
The Port Orford Community Action Area Council needs

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tend.
The Port Orford Center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteer help in manning the center is a dire need, especially until a new technician can be hired. Thank you, Marge Fisher

OBITUARIES . . .

James Chenoweth

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Langlois Community Church for James L. Chenoweth, 94, Charleston, a resident of the Langlois area for 50 years.

Pastor Richard Bauer of the Langlois Community Church officiated and private interment was in the Denmark Cemetery. The Bandon Chapel of Coos Mortuaries was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Chenoweth was born Sept. 25, 1878, in Sonoma County, Calif., and died Jan. 10 in North Bend. He was married Dec. 31, 1907, at Langlois to Mary Hagensen and she survives. Mr. Chenoweth was a dairy farmer and sheep rancher.

BULLETIN: The Bandon Chapel called Tuesday afternoon to say that Mrs. Chenoweth had died earlier that day and that funeral arrangements were pending.

Also surviving are daughters, Ethel Avery, Medford; Esther Keeler, Charleston; and Emily Wells, Gold Beach; a sister, Myrtle McCracken, Myrtle Point; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Bank Debits Up

Bank debits for the five reporting banks, including Curry county, were up in November, 1972, compared to November, 1971, the University of Oregon Bureau of Business and Economic Research has reported.

Debits for November, 1972, totaled \$23,077,000. For October, 1972, the total was \$22,429,000, and for November, 1971, the total was \$21,504,000.

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