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April Named Cancer Month

Many cases of cancer are curable if detected early and treated promptly. Gov. Tom McCall asserted in urging support of the April crusade of the American Cancer Society's Oregon division.

McCall noted that the month-long crusade has a two-fold purpose: to raise funds to finance the society's education, research and service programs and to acquaint the public with life-saving facts about cancer.

"There can be no question that the fund-raising activities of the crusade are most important," Oregon's chief executive stated, "but equally important are the educational messages the society presents during this period."

McCall urged every person in the state to memorize the seven cancer danger signals, stating that the knowledge of these warning signals could mean the difference between having or losing a loved one.

Several thousand volunteers will participate in the statewide crusade throughout the month, and McCall urged "as generous a response as possible" from the people of Oregon.

He pointed out that persons who do not receive a personal invitation to give financial support should mail their contributions to CANCER, care of their local post office.

There will be approximately 665,000 new cases of cancer among the nation's men, women and children of all ages this year, and many of them can be cured through early diagnosis and treatment, Gerry P. Crookwell of Portland, state crusade chairman, stated.

Crookwell said one of the most important functions of the cancer society is to "alert the public" to the fact that certain types of cancer are curable if diagnosed and treated in the early stages.

million man hours worked from 90.08 in 1955 to 4.31 in 1970.

Traffic Safety Division Administrator Gil Bellamy refers to this type of result as the "Hawthorne Effect" of producing favorable results simply by paying attention to the problem. And the results are more than fairly predictable.

Extensive efforts in the logging industry generally cut 1972 deaths to 33 from 42 the year before. Log truckers -- embracing a strict accident prevention campaign -- cut deaths by three between 1971 and 1972, all according to the Accident Prevention Division of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

The Workmen's Comp Board's APD still considers traffic-related deaths outside its particular realm of preventability -- along with aircraft crashes, homicides and heart attacks. Together these deaths comprise 46 per cent of all fatalities in Oregon industry.

So effective reductions in the industrial traffic death toll must -- and can -- come about by other means. The Traffic Safety Division will help. So will the State Police. So too, will some concerned employers.

But the list of traffic-related industrial victims is not confined to occupations usually defined as particularly hazardous. The list includes painters, a service man, delivery man, mechanic, salesman, credit managers, assessor, teacher, social worker, office manager and so on.

Although the Oregon traffic death toll has been rising, deaths per hundred million miles travelled are steadily declining. And a decline in both can be traced effectively to the amount of attention focused on the problem.

In February when the Legislature was paying the greatest amount of public attention to traffic safety, Oregon fatalities plummeted from 56 in 1972 to 33 this year.

So if Oregon's most hazardous occupation -- operating a motor vehicle -- is to become less of a killer, all employers and employees need only to recognize the danger and take positive steps toward awareness.



dellenback Report

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

Pressures Put Squeeze On Food Prices

Food prices increased faster in February than in any other month during the last 20 years. The cost of meat, fish and poultry rose approximately five percent in one month. There has been and still is talk of a housewives' boycott of meat, beef, lamb and pork.

Before talking about remedies, it's important to discuss some of the factors which have helped create this situation. In a free market economy, prices on a given product rise when demand for the product exceeds the supply. A healthier U.S. economy has caused disposable income to increase six percent which means that people have more money to spend on food.

On the supply side, the 10 percent devaluation of the dollar and its current "floating" status in the world money market makes our meat and grains an increasingly attractive bargain abroad. Add the fact that bad weather in other parts of the world held crop yields down during the past year and foreign demand for U.S. food products is up a total of nearly 40% during fiscal 1973. The sale of U.S. wheat to the Soviet Union is but one example of this phenomenon.

Looking at the situation realistically, it does not seem likely that food prices will go down materially in the near future. Steps being taken now by government and by food producers and processors will take time to make an impact. It takes time to raise a crop, or to fatten a steer, lamb or hog.

Some 61 million acres of U.S. farmland were held out of production in 1972 under the 1973 Set Aside program, a plan under which farmers receive payments for letting part of their land lie fallow. Estimates now call for as many as 40 million of those acres to be brought back into production.

Other government actions aimed at increasing the food supply have included the release of grain reserves, suspension of meat import quotas, and the dropping of direct export subsidies on agricultural products. The opportunity for any individual to control or even materially affect these actions is necessarily limited.

Administration experts concede that food supplies in certain products are "tight," but indicate that we can reasonably expect an improvement within a few months. They hasten to add that their predictions are based on "normal weather patterns," and that unexpected freezes and storms like last year's Hurricane Agnes could seriously disrupt agricultural production, as happened last year.

I had hoped we would be able to escape price controls, even the limited approach President Nixon announced last week. Earnestly hope we can avoid the pitfalls of the approach of full price controls. Historically the result of food price controls at a time of rising demand and inadequate supplies has been rationing, empty counters, black markets, and special deals.

In the face of this, as individual citizens and consumers I would urge selective buying and reasonable patience. Once the actions now being taken by the Federal Government and by food producers and processors have had time to take effect, I feel certain we will see food prices stabilize and, at least in some areas, drop. One of the last things we need or want is a return to food rationing and all the massive bureaucracy and problems that would mean.

Obituaries . . .

Emma C. Brocksen

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, April 5, Rev. Don Parsons of Zion Lutheran Church will officiate.

Mrs. Brocksen was born March 10, 1908, in Crawford County, Iowa, and died at the age of 65 on April 1 at her home on Elk River. She had been a resident of the area for the past 20 years.

She is survived by her widower, John, Port Orford; son Robert, Port Orford; daughter Deloris Stanton of West Lynn; sister Elvora Jones, Sax City, Iowa; two brothers, George Mass of Roseville, Calif., and Adolph Mass of Charter Oak, Ohio; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bandon Chapel of Coos Mortuaries was in charge of services and arrangements.

Jadwiga Poluch

Private services were held at Chapel of the Chimes in Portland for Jadwiga Poluch, who died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland March 25. She was the wife of Oscar Poluch of Port Orford.

She is also survived by three sons, Alexander, Oscar W. and George; sister, Wanda Distenhoff; and five grandchildren.

VETERANS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

Port Orford Barracks 903 of the Veterans of WWI hosted a district meeting at the American Legion hall on Sunday, April 1. About 60 persons attended.

All veterans of WWI are invited to the meetings.

Legislative Log

NEWS FROM COOS-CURRY LEGISLATORS

Sen. Jack Ripper

Rep. Ed Stevenson

Rep. Bill Grannell

The House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee was all keyed and ready for the strong support offered on the Fisheries Conservation Zone bill, which was voted "do pass" by unanimous vote of the committee.

The bill, jointly sponsored by your three Coos-Curry legislators, would set a 50 mile zone for management and regulation of fishery resources by the Oregon fish commission. Much prior work has gone into the development of this bill, and into preparing for the receptive attitude of the committee.

Background work, and preparation for the concept of offshore fish management was done in the past session by Senator Ripper's sponsorship of House Joint Memorial 18 which would protect anadromous fish those ascending rivers from the sea, and stated that these fish species to be property of the nation within waters of which anadromous fish species were spawned.

Most of the research of the present 50-Mile Fisheries

Conservation Zone was done by Rep. Bill Grannell and the research staff of the House of Representatives, and Rep. Grannell and Sen. Ripper and Rep. Stevenson, presented their testimony jointly in support of the bill.

Rep. Stevenson is a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, and his work within the committee showed as the sponsorship of the bill included all members of the group. In all, some 54 members of the legislature were additional sponsors of the bill. With this kind of interest within the legislature your Coos-Curry delegation is very optimistic about the future of the bill.

In testimony before the committee, Rep. Grannell pointed out that the purpose of creating this zone is so that we may adequately preserve and protect the marine environment that extends from our coastal rivers and estuaries offshore beyond the continental shelf. In recent years these waters, particularly those from 12 to

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Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Awareness Of Problem Will Reduce Hazard!

Forty-six Oregon workers drove off to their jobs last year and died in traffic before the workday ended.

When one considers Oregon posted its greatest-ever number of total traffic fatalities last year -- 733 -- the 46 who died on the job seem rather insignificant. But had they been prevented, the state would have posted its lowest fatality total in a half decade!

Actually, far more than 46 of Oregon's gainfully employed died in traffic last year. That's just the number of death claims paid by workmen's compensation.

At the slightest showing of them long razor-sharp fangs.

But everybody put me at ease, or tried to, and I bravely positioned myself behind the high wooden counter and waited for further instructions. I mean waited. But everybody there assured me there was nothing to fear. . . the dogs were well trained and would n't hurt anybody. Even little kids could play with them, I was told. "Really, they are just well-trained loveable BIG GERMAN POLICE DOGS," said everybody. And that's exactly what they were. Even I could tell that by looking. But what were they trained for? Was the question. I soon found out. After all . . . what else would you train a POLICE DOG for?

To attack and kill! That's what for!

Only in this case that wasn't the case. And after a lengthy demonstration I was convinced . . . and mighty impressed.

Those animals, and they were beautiful animals, were so well trained they'd respond to command almost in mid-air. It was really amazing. They'd actually respond so quickly and so completely they appeared to be going through a personality change . . . just as if you'd flip a switch. At a slight command, one of those animals (at a time) would be a charging 100-pound mass of snarling, growling, fang-showing dog. At another order (commands are given in German to prevent somebody else from controlling the animal) the dog would immediately revert to a big ol' panting pet ready to fetch the evening paper or your house-slip pers, or go for a romp with the kids.

The only difference between the two dogs was that one of them was a new member of the sheriff's crew . . . deputy Chetco. The youngest member of the department at 11 months.

Chet's primary duties will be in search and rescue operations, for either lost or hunted persons, and routine patrol. He will also be trained to sniff and find certain types of drugs.

Far as I'm concerned, Chet will be one of the most valuable members on the department.

See ya next week . . . right now I've gotta get back to my German language lessons.

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