

Broadcasts to Bring Oregon Residents to Scene of Accidents

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A state police officer recently stopped a hot-rod cruising down the highway in a snake-track manner.

The officer found that the youthful driver had been tooling down the road with one arm around his girl, eating an ice-cream cone and driving with his knees.

Well, the officer didn't have to

be hit with a ton of tombstones to figure out that this could have led to something exciting if the boy ever got his occupations crossed.

This instance and others on Oregon highways will soon be fodder for a series of pointed radio programs put together by the traffic safety division of the Oregon secretary of state's office.

On-the-Spot

Intended to cut down on Oregon's traffic accident and death rate the program will feature unrehearsed, on-the-spot, radio recordings taken at accident scenes, highway arrests, courtroom dramas and other situations concerning traffic safety.

The recordings, which are taped and later processed into 15-minute programs for release over Oregon stations, are made by Marvin Byers under the direction of Capt. Walker Lansing, director of the traffic safety division.

Byers, a former professional radio announcer, ties the recorded voices together with a short, smooth narration. "Nothing on this tape is rehearsed," he says, "except me. All the other participants—officers, drivers and others are talking off the cuff."

A recent tape Byers played was a recording made when a patrolman arrested a drunken woman driver near Eugene. The microphone faithfully picked up all details of the arrest from the time the officer opened his siren to the time the woman was taken home.

Byers and Capt. Lansing have covered four accidents, one justice court hearing, and innumerable speeding, reckless driving and drunk driving arrests all over the state. Officers participating in the arrests are ordered not to vary their arrest technique from normal.

Never to Blame
"Nearly all violators have one trait in common," says Byers. "They are never to blame. And their excuses are often wonderful to behold."

People stopped for speeding nearly always blame a faulty speedometer. One man clocked going 100 miles an hour near The Dalles told police he gave them a chase because "this is my brother's case and I didn't want a ticket."

One youth stopped after hitting 80 only about three miles from Salem said he had to hurry to get his girl friend home to Salem by 9 p. m. It was then only about 8 p. m.

A man arrested near Springfield for going 85 miles an hour in a 35 mile-an-hour zone, said he didn't see the road sign. He said he had been traveling that same route as a truck driver about 12 times daily for the past several years—but he still hadn't noticed the sign.

The radio programs are slated to begin on an every-other-week schedule in about two weeks over 20 stations. KOCO will carry the broadcasts to Salem listeners. In putting the "show" together Byers is assisted by James Banks and Vinita Howard.

Grocers Favor Shorter Hours

PORTLAND, Nov. 12—(AP)—The Oregon Independent Retail Grocers went on record today as favoring shorter store hours.

They said customers pay in the long run for longer store hours because of the increase in prices due to increased overhead.

Speakers at their annual convention pointed out that Office of Price Stabilization ceilings have done much to stabilize prices. But the grocers said they wanted the state's unfair trade practices law—which requires a minimum mark up of 6 per cent—strengthened.

Speakers included J. Frank Grimes of Chicago, president of the Independent Grocers Alliance, and Ed Winner of Cincinnati, vice president of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Rainfall Delays Power Shortage

SEATTLE, Nov. 12—(AP)—Heavy week-end rains have stalled off any further critical power shortages for "at least three weeks," J. E. Gunz said today.

Gunz, regional representative of the defense electric power administration, also predicted another week delay in bringing in some steam generation. This had been planned for this week.

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CLEANUP AFTER CONGRESS—With adjournment of Congress and departure of legislators, the Capitol building in Washington gets annual washing, a top to bottom cleanup.

Peron Wins; To Leave on Long Vacation

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 12—(AP)—President Juan D. Peron, jubilant over his reelection to a six-year term, was still on leave of absence from his office today and there was no official indication when he would return.

With almost 80 per cent of the votes counted from yesterday's national election, Peron had 4,005,370 and Ricardo Balbin, radical party candidate, 2,124,027. None of the candidates for the other six parties participating was close.

Some associates said Peron may be delaying his return in order to be with his wife, Eva, who is recuperating from an operation.

When he vacated his office November 1 with the avowed intention of freeing the voters from any pressure, Peron said he would be back the day after election.

With the presidential race settled, Argentine attention turned mainly to the outcome of the races for congress. But the counting in these races does not begin until Thursday and may take 10 days. Among the candidates were 47 Peronista party women seeking office in the first elections in which they could vote.

Although the radical party was soundly beaten in the presidential election, there were indications it will have at least five members of congress from the city of Buenos Aires and possibly scattered seats from interior provinces. A small but vociferous minority in congress will provide a sounding board for the opposition.

A murrelet, ancient species of small water bird that lives in the far north, was recently found near Bend, Ore. It was the first of the species ever to be reported alive in Oregon.

Vote Held on Y Junior Board

Junior members of Salem YM-CA are voting this week on members for this year's junior board of directors. The group's first function will be aiding as hosts at Friday night's YM open house.

A nominating committee has listed these names, to which voters may add other candidates: Preps, Mark Wulf; Rangers, Robert Brownell, Daryl Peterson; Triangles and Gra-Y, Jerry Duncan, Jim McCaffery, Clay Newell; junior high, Bob Tom, Allen Hornaday, Bruce Wulf, Jim Michaels; senior high, Bill Dunsworth, Bruce Galloway, Roger Weaver, Ellis Woodworth, Larry Sharp. Dunsworth was president last year.

East Berlin Reds to Enter U.S. Sector

BERLIN, Nov. 12—(AP)—East Berlin communists announced they will march by thousands into the American sector tomorrow to bury a "murdered" party worker.

West Berlin police riot squads were alerted against possible violence when the funeral procession moved from the east sector to a cemetery a mile and a half distant.

East Berlin newspapers echoed Russian charges that Ernst Kammeth, communist railway worker, was killed by a West Berlin police officer last Wednesday during a raid on an American sector freight yard to confiscate communist pamphlets.

West Berlin police denied they were responsible for Kammeth's death.

Germany Not Looking for New Hitler

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—"What would you do if Adolf Hitler suddenly re-appeared on Germany?" An inquiring reporter asked this question of German passers-by in Frankfurt.

An office employee said: "Take him to the nearest lamppost and string him up." A housewife replied: "Get out of here as fast as I could." A taxi driver, with a hard grin, threatened: "Cut out his insides."

But a business executive said he would "like to have a long talk with Hitler and find out if he was really crazy." A messenger boy said he would like to see a trial held with Adolf as defendant so that "all the facts could be laid before the public." Another office worker snapped: "I'd get a gun." A railroad station porter had a novel punishment for the man who led Germany to defeat: "I'd send him to the Russian zone to live."

Two beavers recently built a dam 18 feet long and 6 feet wide near Walpole, Mass., in three weeks.

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