

49 Traffic Fatalities Talled on S-D Day

CHICAGO (UP) — "Let's make every day a safe driving day." That suggestion was made Thursday by the group which put the big safety show — Safe Driving Day — on the road Wednesday. An Associated Press survey, including several delayed reports, showed that 49 traffic deaths occurred Wednesday. The National Safety Council figures that for each fatality there are 35 cases of injury and 225 accidents. That ratio indicates there were 11,025 accidents and injuries to 1,715 persons on S-D Day. An A. P. survey, made to provide a yardstick, showed there were 64 traffic deaths on Dec. 1. Last year traffic accidents averaged about 27,000 a day. There were 15 fewer traffic deaths reported on S — D Day than on Dec. 1. And the S-D Day toll was far under the average of 97 deaths for the first 10 months of this year. Both the S-D Day and Dec. 1 surveys were made on a "spot" basis, counting only the deaths which occurred on those days. The fatality average for the first 10 months of this year included deaths that occurred a day or more after the victim was injured. President Eisenhower's Action Committee For Traffic Safety, which sponsored S-D Day, hailed it as a success. The committee director, Rear Adm. H. B. Miller (ret.), stated: "S-D Day did precisely what it was intended to do. It focused nationwide public attention on the need for safer driving and it proved that, with just a little more care and effort, the traffic toll can be cut substantially. "We wish, of course, that the actual saving in lives on S-D Day, could have been greater but, if this saving could have prevailed throughout the entire year of 1954, more than 6,000 lives would have been saved." Safety statistics indicate that for every 12 persons who die quickly as a result of traffic accidents, 4 additional victims die later. The sponsoring committee said it is counting only the deaths which occurred within the 24-hour S-D Day period. There were no deaths in 24 states.

Air Academy's Water Supply Still 'in Doubt'

WASHINGTON (UP) — Rep. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) said Thursday he still isn't convinced there is a proper water supply for the prospective new Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. He said it may take "millions of dollars" in federal funds, and an elaborate project once rejected by Congress, to assure adequate water for the academy. The congressman raised new questions about the academy water supply in a letter to Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott. Talbott said in an answer to a previous letter that the water for the academy had been "assured" by the Colorado Springs city government. A site selection board which included Charles A. Lindbergh recommended the site earlier this year and the recommendation was accepted by Talbott. Reclamation Report Engle said the "mere statement" that the city government has assured a water supply for the academy "is not at all convincing to me and does not allay my deep concern in the matter." Studies by the Bureau of Reclamation in 1949, he said, showed that "even at that time" the city urgently needed a supplemental water supply. Growth of the city since has "been much more rapid than expected," he said. Two rivers near the city, the Fountain and the Arkansas, have been "depleted" and any further supplies from them would have to be at the expense of irrigation water for farming," he said. "Is it not true," he asked Talbott, "that in the final analysis the city must rely either on transmountain diversion of water or on taking the farmers' water?" Expense Proposal The transmountain plan is known as the Frying Pan-Arkansas Project, a federal reclamation unit that would cost about 156 million dollars. The House this year voted against considering a bill to authorize it. "Is it not true," Engle wrote, "that the Air Force is relying on assurance given by the city and that the city is gambling on the Frying Pan-Arkansas Project to bail it out. "Is it not true that the serious water situation at Colorado Springs will result in a cost of millions of dollars to the federal government—a cost which would not be entailed had another state been selected?"

Lesson Soon Forgotten

DETROIT (UP) — Mrs. Anna Zemmell who, police testified, drove her car into one driven by Allan F. Fink on a suspended sentence with this explanation: "This was the first time I had driven alone after completing 12 driving lessons, and my instructor said I was a perfect driver. But when I saw him," she said, pointing to Fink "I got flustered." "Why would he make you nervous?" asked the judge. "Mr. Fink," she answered, "was my instructor."

FETE ANNIVERSARY SMITHFIELD—Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Rempel called on Mr. and Mrs. Abe Toews in Dallas who were celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary.

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Appointment of 2 State Senators Slated Tuesday

PORTLAND (UP) — Multnomah County commissioners Thursday put off until next Tuesday appointment of two Democratic state senators. The delay was to allow the party's county central committee, which meets this week, a chance to make recommendations. Secretary of State Earl Newby had directed the county commission to make the appointments by Thursday. The appointments will be to fill vacancies created by the election of Richard L. Neuberger to the U. S. Senate and Jack Bain as Multnomah County commissioner.

HANDICAPPED AID NAVY PEARL HARBOR (UP)—The navy is one of the biggest employers of physically handicapped. The 14th naval district has 407 disabled persons on the payroll.

Price of Gas In Canadian Wells Agreed

VANCOUVER, B.C. (UP) — Natural gas producers in the Peace River area will receive at the well-head under an agreement signed in Tulsa, Okla., this week to pipe the gas into Pacific Northwest markets, Charles R. Hetherington, vice president of the Westcoast Transmission Co., said Thursday. Westcoast will deliver gas to the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. of Houston and the El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Hetherington said the price to producers will rise slowly over a 30-year period and give producers some \$12,755,000 in the first year after the gas started flowing. The pipeline from the gas reserves on the British Columbia-Alberta border to the American border at Sumas, Wash., is expected to be completed in the fall of 1956.

The deal, involving gas reserves of five trillion cubic feet awaits approval of the Federal Power Commission in Washington but no trouble is expected here. At the border the line will link up with Pacific Northwest's line which will come north from the San Juan basin of Colorado and New Mexico. Westcoast will deliver 300,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily to the Pacific Northwest, with 250,000,000 cubic feet going to the El Paso company and 50,000,000 cubic feet for the Pacific Northwest market. Pacific Northwest will use the British Columbia gas largely in the Northwest and divert San Juan gas to El Paso for sale in California.

Woman, 71, Takes Flight Training

OKLAHOMA CITY (UP) — At 71, Mrs. Ida May Relf, a professional photographer of Ponca City, Okla., is learning to fly. Fay Linehan, civil aeronautics safety agent says she thinks she is the oldest woman ever to receive permission to take flying lessons, although there have been many women who have continued to fly past that age.

Police Officers 'Go Modern'

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—The Philadelphia police department is ordering 200 new pairs of handcuffs. It seems someone in the department decided that a patrolman holding a prisoner by his belt looked unprofessional. A few hundred years ago, swans were highly valued for human food.

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