

June Traffic Death Toll High in State

The highest June death toll since 1952 was recorded last month on Oregon streets and highways when at least 45 people were killed in accidents.

The count also made the month the worst so far this year and brought the state's six month traffic death toll to 198. The six month count last year was 190. Several multiple-death accidents, including one near Bend in which five members of a family were killed, helped shove the toll upward, according to the Department of Motor Vehicle's traffic safety division.

Several persons injured in June mishaps are still reported in critical condition so the final count might still be higher, the division said.

The month-by-month traffic toll this year shows January with 27 deaths, February 29; March 35; April, 31; May, 31; and June 45.

The worst single month ever recorded in Oregon was August, 1950, when 59 people were killed in traffic accidents.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson, Hepner, a 5 lb. 13 oz. boy born July 6, named James Marvin, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson, Lexington, a 7 lb. 3 oz. girl born July 3, named Judy Marie. To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilhelm, Fossil, a 6 lb. 2 1/2 oz. boy, born July 6, named Willard Bunney, Jr. To Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk, Ione, a 6 lb. 12 oz. girl born July 7, named Joyce Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ball, Kinzua, a 7 lb. 10 oz. boy born July 9, named Steven Keith.

Medical—Nora Greenfield, Fossil; Theodore J. Garrigus, Condon; John Hanna, Sr., Hepner.

Minor Surgery—Gaylord Salter, Ione, dismissed; Karen Cutsforth, Lexington, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Audrey Joy, Maupin, dismissed; Helen E. Smith, Hepner; Ed A. Sanders, Spray.

Mrs. John Wanless of Willamina visited here from Saturday until Friday with her sisters Mrs. Add Moore and Mrs. Violet Archer. Spending the Fourth with Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Archer were another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, and a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schaefer, all of Seattle.



THE \$850,000 APPROPRIATION for the preopening expense of Oregon's Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair which is to be held in Portland in 1959 was inked this week in Salem by the Governor in the presence of (from left to right) state senator Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, state representative Fred Meek of Portland, the co-authors of the measure; and Anthony Brandenthaler of Baker, chairman of the Oregon Centennial Commission.

Justice and Municipal Courts

Charlie Marcus Smith, minor possessing alcoholic liquor, \$25 fine.

William T. French, no operator's license, \$10 fine.

Leslie Charles Edwards, no operator's license, \$10 fine.

Clarence F. Davis, illegal U-turn, \$5 fine.

Arnold Wilson, improper parking, \$1 fine.

ATTENDS CANCER CLINIC

Dr. A. D. McMurdo of Hepner attended a cancer clinic held July 2 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Speakers were Dr. Frank B. Queen, Portland, well known cancer authority; Dr. David M. Baker and Dr. Ralph C. Benson.

Following the clinic all attending physicians were invited to Dr. Joseph P. Brennan's cabin at Tollgate.

Mrs. Robert Kelly and two children of Everett, Washington are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. J. J. Nys, Mrs. Lemmie Loudon and Mrs. R. A. Thompson were in Condon last week to attend funeral services for Mrs. Charles Phlegley.

Mrs. Jean Mallory had as guests over the Fourth weekend, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dewerick and three sons of Spokane. He is assistant editor of the Spokane Chronicle. Visiting this week at the Mallory home are Mr. and Mrs. William Heacock and Mrs. Gene Holtgren of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fetsch and family, Jerry Dougherty, Pat Stegall, Cheryl Hartman and Robert Fetsch of Salem were camping at Lehman Springs over the Fourth holiday.

Among those from Hepner camping at Lehman Springs over the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Sumner and their families.

Miss Leta Humphreys left Friday for Portland where she will attend the market week. She expects to return the end of this week.

Farm Land Values In Oregon, U. S. Hit Record High

Values of farm land in Oregon and across the nation are still rising, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Oregon land values have come up more than a third since 1947-49, Mrs. Horrell said, and are now at the highest point on record. Value of farm land and buildings in the state, not counting livestock or farm machinery and equipment, now totals close to 2 billion.

Average value per farm in the state is in the neighborhood of \$33,000—about \$10,000 higher than the national average. On a per acre basis, however, Oregon farm lands rank 31st among the 48 states, having a value on March 1 of \$84 per acre compared to better than \$94 per acre as a national average.

Looking over reports from the U. S. department of agriculture, Mrs. Horrell found that land values in 34 states, including Oregon, increased 2 or 3 percent during the four-month period ending March 1. In general, there has been a steady uptrend in national farm real estate values since 1954, Mrs. Horrell said. The only exceptions have been those states seriously affected by the drought.

The strong farm land values are supported by forces both in and out of agriculture, Mrs. Horrell believes. Within agriculture, there is an expanding technology based on a mechanized agriculture—and to make the most efficient use of their machinery, farmers are reaching out for more land.

Outside of agriculture, there is a high level of business activity, a rising price level, and need for space for the nation's growing population.

Mrs. Lena Searcy of Hillsboro is visiting this week at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles attended a family reunion on Sunday at Bear Springs state park, near Mt. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson left before the Fourth to vacation at Post Falls, Idaho.

Mrs. Doris Lehman of Poulso, Wash. arrived last Thursday and spent the weekend at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Blakney. On Thursday the Blakneys also had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rolter of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble and family visited in Salem with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard Mills last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish spent the July 4th holiday visiting at the homes of their sons Raymond and Jack Parrish in Portland.

Local News In Brief

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Byham and family of Meadville, Pa., were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson. Mr. Byham is a nephew of Mrs. Troedson. They are on their way home after a trip through the west and visiting in California.

Allen Case and Matt Hughes were in Seattle the first of the week to attend the furniture market.

Mrs. Roy Quackenbush drove to Portland on Sunday, taking her daughter Phyllis there for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harvey Miller of Portland left Tuesday after a few days here attending to business.

Rev. and Mrs. George Little and Grace and Mrs. Allen Case returned last Friday from a trip of a month to the Eastern states.

Mrs. Paul Brown and children spent last week at her former home in Burns visiting relatives. Mr. Brown picked them up and they went on to East Lake for the weekend.

Carl Spaulding Jr. and daughter left Tuesday morning for Portland from where they will go by boat to San Pedro, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bunch returned Sunday from Brashear, Missouri where the flew to attend the funeral of his mother.

Loyd Burkenbine, Dr. Harold Huber and Glen Way were fishing at Westport over the Fourth holiday.

Mrs. J. H. Montgomery and niece Miss Bernadine Batters of Vancouver, Wash. were guests last week of Bess Huddleston.

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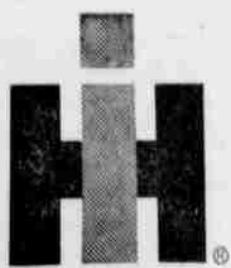
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