

Problem Drinker Cause of Many Highway Deaths

A process of combining the scientific magic of the computer with the thoughtfully-analyzed conclusions of traffic safety experts has produced proof that the "problem drinker" causes more than 50% of alcohol-related highway fatalities.

"When you add this fact to figures that show a high percentage of individuals with three, and even four, driving while under the influence convictions, you are forced to conclude that the problem drinker, not just the social drinker, may be a major factor in Oregon's traffic accident picture," said Howard Eddy, Executive Secretary, Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

Looking to the long Labor Day week-end, Eddy emphasized that this knowledge does not give a clean bill of health to the so-called social drinkers who occasionally over-indulge.

"Labor Day is perhaps one of the biggest drinking occasions of the year," the state official pointed out, "and it behooves everyone who drinks and drives to keep in mind that alcohol dulls senses, slows reactions and is, in truth, the cause of over half of all fatal holiday accidents."

Eddy called attention to other Labor Day highway hazards: crowded conditions, defective vehicles, drivers trying to make the most of the final outing of the season . . . hurrying to their destinations delaying the return trip, becoming tired and irritable over the long haul; a long list of distractions, often including the presence of excited children.

"It all adds up to the absolute necessity of DEFENSIVE DRIVING. Remember, Oregon's highway blood bath is rapidly surpassing last year's disgraceful toll. Don't help it along by letting alcohol be your main holiday spirit!"

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IRRIGON NEWS

(Held over from last week)

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bentley traveled to the coast to visit Mrs. Bentley's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, at Waldport. They also visited Mr. Bentley's cousin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner, at Seilo.

Harley Hamond of Gridley, Kan., is here for his annual visit with the W. F. Coy family.

Larry Stitzel, a former Riverside High school graduate, called at the W. F. Coy home, and visited other friends in Irrigon recently. During his army service, he spent a year in Thailand, and several months in Vietnam. He is presently employed at the La Grande Observer newspaper plant.

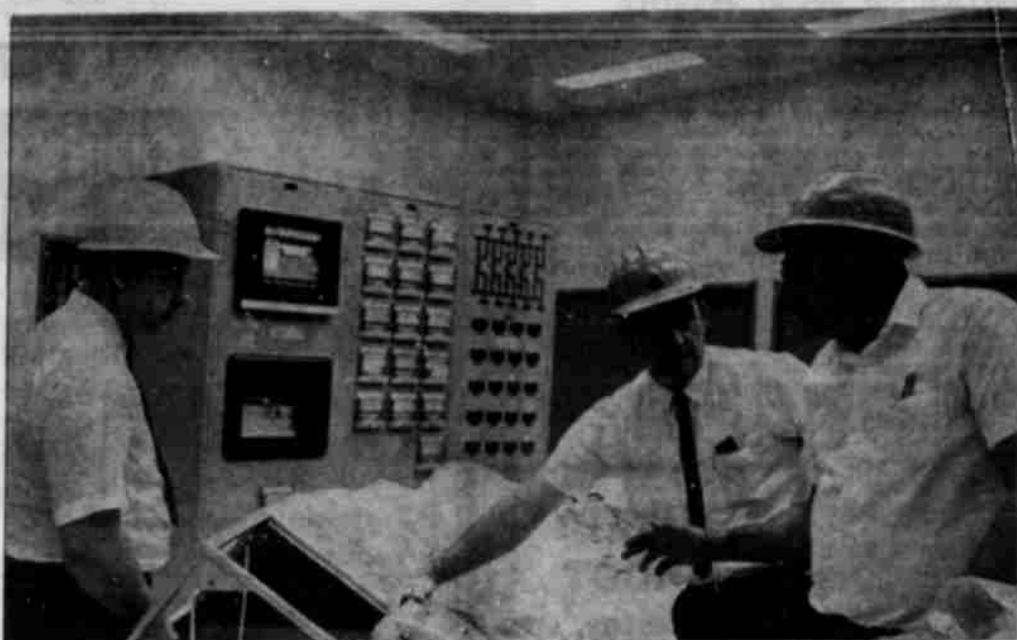
Rev. and Mrs. Geoffrey Veale of Armstrong, B. C., Canada, were guests of her brother, Rev. and Mrs. John Kenney. Rev. Veale, who is a pastor in the Okanogan Valley town, spoke in the morning service at the Assembly of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Murnett Johnson of Vancouver, Wash., toured McNary Dam recently, accompanied by Mayor and Mrs. Chester Wilson. The Johnsons are living at Parsons' Motel Apartments during the time he is employed in drilling the city well.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Partlow and Sheryl were Mr. and Mrs. Berg and Ronald of Vancouver, Wash. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, Ricky, Randy and Steve of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markham and Mrs. Mary Smith of Pasco, Wash. The families picnicked at Hat Rock State Park before returning to their homes.

Mrs. Perry Pummel at the A. C. Houghton school cafeteria. A stork shower was given for many friends showed their respect for the Pummel family, with a shower of lovely gifts. Mrs. Floyd Hobbs sang "Turra, Turra Turra," an Irish lullaby, and "Sweet Kentucky Babe." A poem was read by Mrs. Eleanor Sergeant. Hostesses were Mrs. LaVelle Partlow, Mrs. William Schmeder and Mrs. Verdie Isom. Mrs. Harry (June) Cooper and son, Ernest, of Eugene were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephens. They also visited her brothers, Clarke and Curtiss Stephens, and their families at Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murtishaw and Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Red) Murtishaw, Jr. were hosts to a family reunion recently. Mrs.



CHECKING OUT communications system in master control room at the John Day Dam are (from left) George Fernald, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla; Jim Henderson, Pacific Northwest Bell communications consultant, Portland and Lee Dickson, PNB plant service foreman, The Dalles. PNB provides phone service for John Day Lock and Dam from its nearby Rufus exchange.

Murtishaw had not seen her brothers for 20 years. They came from California and are Ernest Breshman of Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Breshman of San Ysidro, Calif. Daughters of Maurice Breshman, who came from Tooele, Utah, were Mrs. Edna Rydolph and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gull. Mrs. Lillian Pelton, who is a sister, came from Spokane, along with her daughters, Mrs. Sylvia Evans, and Mike Evans, Mrs. Eva Way and family.

Mrs. Murtishaw's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hadwick of Salem and their daughter and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Vera Gerbardina, Wayne and Robert. Also their son Tom Gerbardina, who is a marine was home on leave and able to be with them.

Coming from Fortuna, Calif. were the Murtishaw's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Humbert. Their sons Randy, Kenneth and Jeff spent part of the summer here with their grandparents and returned home with their parents.

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Mrs. Alex Thompson, Portland, is in Heppner for a two week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Jr. and family. Mrs. Thompson will stay with the Van Marter children while the parents, along with LaVerne Van Marter, Sr. and son, Paul, make a trip to Eugene this week-end to see the Oregon-Stanford football game. While in Eugene they plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dinges, who are former Lexington residents.

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KINZUA NEWS

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—John Nelson is getting around on crutches these days as a result of having some lumber fall on his foot last Wednesday and breaking it.

Miss Carol Mallaroy and Bernard Dyer took Kevin Muzzy as far as Seattle last week on his way home to join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Muzzy, at Thorne Bay, Alaska. Kevin had been visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyer since July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mangum became the parents of a daughter Friday, September 20, at the Pioneer Memorial hospital at Heppner. The little girl weighed 7 lb., 8 oz. and has been named Marva Rai. She joins a brother, Richard. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Dell Williams of Kinzua. Pete Oliver of Baker is the baby's great grandfather.

Spending the week-end fishing at Long Beach, Wash., were Mr. and Mrs. Don McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Flack, and James Walker, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Novotny and family of Prineville visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler and son Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woods were business visitors to Madras Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van Arsdale were in Heppner Sunday where Pat had medical care.

The regular Camp 5 Women's card party was held Tuesday evening at the Camp 5 Community Hall with Terry Todd as hostess. High was won by Dinah Jackson, low by Rose Hardwick, and pinches by Barbara Mortimore and Betty Murdock. Others playing were Sue Mattison, Carol Norris, Frances White, Pat Van Arsdale, Dolores Wimer, Marie Hulet, and Ruth Jordan. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan were in Pendleton last Wednesday where they both had medical

care. On Friday, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Earl Norris went back to Pendleton where Mrs. Jordan had further medical care.

Mrs. Earl Norris went to The Dalles last Wednesday to bring Mrs. Marie Rhoton to Fossil on business and on to Camp 5 where a coffee hour was held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Mortimore with Barbara and Betty Murdock as hostesses. Those enjoying this visit with Marie were Marie Hulet, Eva DeMeritt, Carol Norris, Rose Hardwick, Mrs. Norris took Mrs. Rhoton back to The Dalles that evening.

Herschel Murdock was in Pendleton Wednesday for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van Arsdale and family were in Milton-Freewater Saturday on business and met Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reece of Joseph there for the day.

Stanley Benson went to Portland Sunday to take his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Miller and son Todd, home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Goss and daughter Lana of Hood River visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Hubbell and family.

Mrs. Wayland Hyatt was a business visitor to Portland last Thursday and Friday. She was accompanied back to Kinzua by Jeannette Bell who is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shaw and daughter Janice of Hermiston were week-end house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copeland of Portland spent the week-end here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Muzzy.

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