

Italian Alcoholic Rate Said Among Lowest in World

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New York—(UPI)—Here are the main reasons why Italians are among the world's heaviest consumers of alcohol but at the same time have one of the lowest rates for alcoholism in the world.



They drink wine and they drink it for stimulation. To them, wine drinking is taken for granted—it causes no comment and needs no defense. And they eat when they drink.

This is from the final report of a years-long comparative study of the drinking and eating of 247 representative Italians and 251 representative descendants of Italian emigrants to the United States.

These Americans drink whisky and beer in the main rather than wine and they drink not for health but to be "sociable" and for kicks. They separate drinking and eating, and they find it necessary to defend even moderate drinking. In these and other particulars they conform to the common American "pattern."

Auspices of Yale

The detailed, scientific study was under the auspices of the Yale University Center of Alcohol Studies. The chief American investigator was Dr. Giorgio Lolli, former medical director of the Yale Plan Alcohol Clinic in New Haven, Conn., now in private practice in New York. His Italian opposite number was Dr. Emilio Seriani, director of the Instituto di Alimentazione e Dietologia di Rome.

The purpose of the study was stated succinctly by Mark Keller, editor of the complete

report published today by Yale: "That drinking must precede alcoholism is obvious," he said, "equally obvious but not always sufficiently considered is the fact that drinking is not necessarily followed by alcoholism." The latter is impressive by a fact in Italy but in the U.S. it has a high rate of exceptions. Taller and Fatter

The Americans of Italian descent were both taller and fatter than the Italians; they had had more education and had a higher standard of living. They were "heavy eaters" and large while the Italians were "moderate eaters" and also monotonous eaters. The Americans were "irregular, sporadic" eaters.

The report found that the "drinking behavior" of Italians "provides a variety of protections against some dangerous effects of alcoholic beverage." But when Italians become Americans these protections are lost. The study traced increasing degrees of loss in first, second, and third generation Italo-Americans.

It gave emphasis to the psychological side of American drinking. In Italy, this side is minor; since wine is a food, like any food. But in America, "the custom of using alcoholic beverages separately from other food items—notably at the cocktail hour—is linked with a search for the psychological effects of alcohol." And this "cannot fail to favor those conditions which are conducive to intoxication and the excessive use of alcohol."

Sinclair Weeks Quits Government

Washington—(UPI)—Sinclair Weeks bowed out as secretary of commerce Monday with a parting plea for "old fashioned" balanced budgets and a sober warning about Russia's trade offensive.

The 65-year-old Weeks who has headed the Commerce department since January, 1953, as part of the original Eisenhower "team" officially ended his work at the close of business Monday. Today he and Mrs. Weeks leave for a Florida vacation and then private life in Boston.

The New England businessman will resume active duties about the first of the year in his old firm, United-Carr Fastener Corp. His successor, former Atomic Energy Chairman Lewis L. Strauss, is slated to take over the secretaryship later this week.

Weeks' departure leaves only three of the original Eisenhower cabinet still in office—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Walpole Taken to Rocky Butte Jail

James Horace Walpole, 30, of South Grape st., Medford, was taken to Rocky Butte jail, Portland, early Saturday by a Deputy U.S. marshal where he is being held in lieu of \$3,000 bond on a charge of violating the Dyer act.

Walpole was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Frank Van Dyke, Medford, Nov. 6. He was arrested by Grants Pass police Oct. 31 after he attempted to pass some checks there. He was charged on a federal complaint for the theft of an automobile in Santa Monica, Calif., which he had in his possession at the time of his arrest.

Adolf Hitler became Germany's chancellor on Jan. 30, 1933.

Public Health Award Presented In Portland Meet

Dr. F. Sidney Hansen, Multnomah county public health officer, Portland, received the Oregon Public Health association award for outstanding work in public health during the year, at the annual Oregon Public Health association conference held in Portland last week.

The conference was presided over by Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, president. New president of the association is Dr. Harold Osterud, Lane county health officer, Eugene, with president-elect, Gatlin Branden, director of the hygienic laboratory, state board of health, Salem. The location for the 1959 conference will be decided at the January meeting of the board of directors, Dr. Merkel said.

Presenting the public health award, an annual honor bestowed on a person in health public or related fields, was last year's recipient of the award, Curtis Everts, director of the sanitation authority, state board of health, Salem. Everts last year also received the equivalent award given by the Western Branch of the Public Health Association.

Dr. Merkel reported that more than 350 persons registered for the conference, nearly twice the anticipated number. The convention this year was geared to the interest of all persons interested in community health. Keynote speaker was Dr. Victor Howery, dean of the graduate school of social work, University of Washington, Seattle.

Attending from the valley in addition to Dr. Merkel were Orle Moore, chief sanitarian; Miss Josephine Koppen, administrative secretary for the public health office here; and Miss Alena Makinen, public health nurse.

Championship Set In Speech Contest

Jackson and Josephine County Soil Conservation district speech contest winners will vie for the area championship sponsored by the Jackson County Young Farmers at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 13, in the Crater High school library.

High school students representing the Rogue, Sams Valley-Beagle, Illinois Valley and Josephine Soil Conservation districts will give seven minute talks on "forest conservation."

Among other prizes the winner will receive a free trip to the Oregon Association of Soil Conservation District supervisors' meeting at Baker later in the month to compete with other area winners for the state championship.

Local Youth Placed In Detention Home

A 16-year-old Medford youth was arrested and placed in the Jackson County Juvenile Detention home Friday following a hit-and-run accident near the Big Y, Medford police reported.

The youth was cited for failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle, no operator's license in possession and failure to stop at the scene of an accident, according to the police report.

The accident occurred at 6:45 p.m. Friday at the intersection of North Pacific highway and Table Rock rd., the record showed. Driver of the other vehicle was Kathleen Louise Donahue, 1687 Spring st., Medford police said.

Automobile Industry Gamble Paying Off With Latest Models

New York—(UPI)—The auto industry appears to have hit the jackpot with its billion dollar gamble.

That's roughly the amount of money the industry spent to bring out its 1959 models, which are meeting an "enthusiastic" public reception.

District Attorney To Address Church

District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder will speak Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Medford Ministerial association meeting at Eastwood Baptist church.

Topic to be discussed will be "The Ministry and the Attorney Look at Divorce." The district attorney will comment on what the minister can do to help prevent the increasing number of divorces.

Following the talk a discussion period will be held. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. with a fellowship hour which is open to ministers of all denominations and churches in the area. Devotions will be held from 10:25 until 10:30 a.m.

The business meeting will start at approximately 11:15 a.m., it was reported. Scheduled to be discussed during the meeting will be plans for the Union Thanksgiving service held annually by the association, and a meeting held recently by local pastors with a state representative of Oregonians United for Separation of Church and State, an organization which is affiliated with the national P.O.A.U. (Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State).

A recent survey by United Press International showed that dealers across the country are confident 1959 is going to be a big sales year.

Estimates Revised Upward

A few months ago most industry leaders expressed the

Bids Announced For Highway Work

Salem—Bids for the relocation of 3.1 miles of the relocated Pacific Highway from the Josephine County line, about five miles east of Grants Pass, to Evans Creek at Rogue River, will be received in Salem on Nov. 12, the state highway commission announced.

Route of the highway will follow the north side of the Rogue river. Plans call for construction of a four-lane divided roadway from the county line to the future overcrossing of the Southern Pacific railroad, 0.3 miles east of Evans Creek. From the overcrossing to Evans Creek the highway will be four-lane separated by a metal median barrier. This work is scheduled for completion in the late fall of 1959.

opinion that sales in the 1959 model year would rise to around 5,500,000 units from an estimated 4,500,000 in 1958.

However, at Michigan university's sixth annual conference on the economic outlook, held in Ann Arbor last week, economist Hans Brems said sales in 1959 may top six or seven million units.

Only once before in history—in 1955—did auto sales ever approximate seven million units.

The keys behind the growing optimism in the auto industry are the steady increase in consumer disposable income—what's left after wage earners pay their taxes—and the dramatic improvement in consumer confidence.

Big Cars Or Small? The new model year also

should provide an answer to the industry's biggest conundrum: Is the popularity of the small cars a trend or a fad?

Brems, a University of Illinois professor, said small cars in 1959 will continue to in-

crease their share of the total car market. He hinted that sales of small domestic and foreign cars could top 630,000 units in the new model year.

Word from Detroit is that if the small cars make further

inroads into the market, big domestic companies probably will bring out small, economy cars of their own in 1960. However, the industry's "big three" have been non-committal on this point.

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Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
George Ray Walker, disobeyed traffic sign, \$5.
Harry William Ward, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Rufus Edward Oldham, Jr., violation of basic rule, \$10.
Francis Wallace Close, failure to yield right of way to pedestrian, \$15.
Esther B. Robinson, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Virgil Leslie Goff, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Dean S. Anderson, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Gary Lee Simmonds, violation of basic rule, \$10.
John William Harvey, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Cecil Ray Wood, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Richard Lynn Boynton, improper right turn, \$5.
Mildred Nellie DeWitt, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Jesse E. Brownlee, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Ruth Bernice Borden, failure to yield right of way, vehicle, \$5.
Elmer Ray King, disobeyed red blinker light, \$5.
Larue Morris, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Milton Dean Smith, no emergency brake, \$5.
Jan Emily Bray, no operator's license in possession, \$10.
Helen Erickson, disobeyed stop sign, \$5.
Jan Emily Bray, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Delbert Leland Johnson, no Oregon driver's license, \$10.
Delbert Leland Johnson, no Oregon vehicle license, \$5.
James Nichols, excessive exhaust noise, \$10.
George J. Skrit, 708 Cedar st., drunk in public, \$10.
Pierce Arthur Eskue, general delivery, Medford, drunk in public, \$10.
Louis Junior Bradsher, transient, drunk in public, \$15.
Ben Bradsher, transient, drunk in public, \$15.
Roy Lee Alexander, Camp White, drunk in public, \$20.
Lester Evans, Camp White, drunk in public, \$10.
Kenneth Ward Soucey, Camp White, drunk in public, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Carl E. Anderson, overload, \$44.
Claude Oldham, failure to dim lights, \$7.50.
Walter Pultspher, overload, \$37.
Max D. Burton, racing, \$30.
Marvin E. Thornburgh, driving while embracing \$6.
Warren L. Gibbs, truck speeding, \$5.
Alice M. Corriou, 220 Stewart ave, Medford, drunk on public highway, \$30.
Harold T. Heavilin, no clearance lights, \$5.
Paul J. Stewart, no operator's license, \$10.
Wallace M. Rice, failure to stop, \$10.
Leotis I. Moon, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Clyde H. Hampton, failure to yield right of way, \$15.
Dawd G. Boles, no operator's license, \$10.
Paul J. Stewart, 18, route 2, box 205, White City, illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, \$105.
John W. King, overweight, \$15.
Clarence G. Hedgpeeth, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Albert P. Laborde, defective lights, \$10.
Ralph G. Lissou, passing with insufficient clearance, \$15.
Roy Roach, no operator's license, \$10.
May A. Cook, failure to operate on right side of highway, \$15.
Mansel W. Milan, violation basic rule, \$15.
Arthur W. Coulter, overweight, \$15.
Leona B. Carpenter, failure to stop, \$10.
Rex E. Howard, failure to stop, \$10.
Irene L. Shirley, improper turn, \$15.
Jess W. McCormick, insufficient lights, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Marjorie Eva Hobbs vs. Glen N. Hobbs, divorce complaint.
Irene Byrd vs. Alton Byrd, divorce complaint.
Joan M. Hackett vs. Adelbert F. Hackert, divorce complaint.
Ralph L. Brew vs. Fern L. Brew, divorce complaint.
Agnes M. Hoffer vs. Fred Hoffer, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION
David Leigh Woolfolk, Little Butte Star route, box 126, Eagle Point, and Linda Kay Malloroy, route 1, box 172, Eagle Point.

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