

10-Year Record Low Frequency of Accidents Noted

Accident prevention practices of employers and workers covered under the Workmen's Compensation Law have resulted in another 10-year record low accident frequency, according to H. W. McCauley, regional manager at Medford, of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

The 36 accidents per million man days of employment, established last year, has been equaled again for the 1961-62 fiscal year ending June 30, he noted.

The significance of the low accident frequency is that after last year's record drop from 45 to 36, which was low enough to be easily raised by another year's accidents, the rate remained the same, which proved a consistent application of accident prevention measures by employers and workers alike based on safety practices recommended by SIAC's accident prevention division, McCauley said.

Low Record Noted

Also this past year showed one of the lowest records of 116 fatalities since the 1958-59 fiscal year of 110, and bettered the last year's record of 125, second best record since the 1959 fiscal year was closed.

Lumbering, one of the most hazardous of occupations, although increasing its fatalities from 45 to 48, is still lower than an previous year since 1952-53 fiscal year closed with 86.

Few occupations in Oregon's economy have made a greater effort to curtail accidents than those in the lumbering industry.

The overall picture is encouraging as safety efforts continue, McCauley said.

Taking into consideration that each year an increasing number have been employed in lumbering, the record drop in fatalities is evidence of more than lip service to safety and an ability, as some safety experts put it, for management, "to see the woods for the trees," he said.

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Salem, Ore., Col. Farley Morgan, has been named deputy commander of an Army reserve group in Portland, the 364th civil affairs area headquarters, "B" unit, it was announced today. Morgan is state police captain in charge of traffic.

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PRESENTS PLAQUES - Congressman-Elect Robert Duncan, Medford attorney and Democrat, recently presented plaques to the St. Mary's school in Medford. The engraved brass plaques will be attached to the two chairs in the picture in which sat President John F. Kennedy and his wife when they visited the school when Kennedy was a senator. The visit followed his speech at the 1959 Roosevelt Memorial dinner in Medford. From left are Sister Mary Colina, teacher, holding a plaque; Sister Naadene Ann, grade school principal and convent superior, Duncan, and Sister Francis Marion holding a picture which Kennedy autographed.

THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

Navajo Indians Argue They Are Entitled to Use Peyote

United Press International

Can a drug that causes technicolor dreams and hallucinations legally be used in primitive religious services - or should it be banned as a dangerous narcotic?

That question faced a mid-20th century judge last week when three Navajo Indians argued they were entitled to use Peyote in religious services despite the state's claim the use of the drug was in violation of California's health and safety code.

On trial were Jack Woodie, 28, of Dinnebito Trading Post, Ariz.; Dan Dee Mez, 52, Ludlow, Calif., and Leon B. Anderson, Parker Dam, Calif. The three were arrested at a religious service of the Native Church of North America. Officers said they found 30 persons there, some in a stupor.

Entitled to Drug

The defendants claimed they were entitled to use Peyote under a charter granted by the state. But the state charged the drug, made from a cactus, was a narcotic.

A professor, Dr. Omer Stewart of the University of Colorado, testified during the San Bernardino trial that he "saw" ancient sailing vessels and the Golden Gate Bridge when he sampled the drug during an experiment.

Prosecutor Kenneth Pike said if "we permit use of Peyote, it could open the door to national chaos. Some religious sects would eventually be using heroin."

But A. L. Wren, a defense attorney, charged the Indians were denied due process of law, and said the case may decide whether the white man takes away the Indians' religion as he did Indian land.

Superior Judge Carl B. Hilliard said he would hand down a decision Nov. 29.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Prince: Prince Philip of Great Britain visited San Francisco to attend that city's "London Week" celebration and a meeting of the English-Speaking Union. During the week-long stay, the prince viewed a display of modern art, took in the University of California, and presided over a discussion of the pros and cons of Great Britain's entry into the European Common Market. He expressed particular interest in a plaque which commemorated the arrival of Sir Francis Drake in northern California waters in 1579.

Communist: A plump, grandmotherly Lathrop, Calif., housewife testified she received up to \$225 a month plus the cost of pies and cakes she baked at party meetings during nine years as a Communist informer for the FBI. Mrs. Lulu Mae Thompson testified before the Federal Subversive Activities Control Board in San Francisco. The board held hearings on a government demand that Albert J. Lima, 84, Oakland, allegedly the northern California district chairman of the Communist party, be required to register as a Communist.

Narcotics: The Supreme Court refused to reconsider its decision of June 25 striking down a California law which made it a crime to be a narcotics addict. The June opinion held 6-2 that to imprison a man for merely being an addict is "cruel and unusual punishment" and in violation of the constitution.

Rockets: The American Rocket Society held its annual convention in Los Angeles. During the meeting the society

discussed, among other things, the possibility of existence of intelligent life on planets other than Earth.

O'Brien: Academy award winner Willis H. O'Brien, who created the classic movies "King Kong" and "Mighty Joe Young," died at the age

BLM Sells Three Tracts of Timber

Three tracts totalling 17,804,000 board feet of timber were sold at an oral auction held by the Medford district of the bureau of land management last week.

The total sale price was \$373,136.65.

Tract No. 1 in Curry county contained 8,216,000 board feet and was purchased by the Robert Dollar company of Glendale, without competition, for \$163,670.40.

Bate Lumber company of Merlin purchased a tract of 9,233,000 board feet on Silver creek in Josephine county for \$200,795. There were no competitive bids.

Lehrmann Logging company of Gold Hill submitted the high bid for the Moon Prairie salvage sale in Jackson county, northeast of Hyatt lake. This tract of 355,000 board feet of Douglas-fir and white fir brought a price of \$8,671.25.

Continental Lumber company was the unsuccessful bidder.

The Medford district will offer seven tracts, totalling 40,712,000 board feet for sale December 13. The appraised price of the tracts is \$633,376.10.

Medford Man Appears In Central Point Court

Central Point - Gregory Blair Wolfe, 18, of 55 Quincy St., Medford, was given a six months suspended sentence when he appeared in Central Point municipal court last week on a charge of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

The case of Arthur Hill Gilmore, 19, of 45 South Barnum rd., Medford, who is charged with illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, is pending.

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Consumers Are Warned About Inflated Prices

Exaggerated claims of some "so-called" catalog houses should not fool consumers, according to Don McNeil, Medford Chamber of Commerce manager.

"According to the National Better Business bureau, with which the chamber is affiliated through membership, many of these claims are as phony as the proverbial three-dollar bill," McNeil said.

McNeil said the warning is not directed at catalog selling,

since it is a respected form of merchandising. But it does pinpoint those houses which misrepresent savings through use of inflated regular prices.

For example, he said, an article offered for a "special sale price of \$2.24" is described as selling regularly for \$9.95. The difference of \$7.71 is misrepresented as a saving. The regular price is actually fictitious, McNeil pointed out.

In a recent complaint, the Federal Trade Commission charged that a catalog house's alleged "wholesale" price actually exceeded the usual price at which the goods sold in the trade area where the claim was made, McNeil said.

President Notes National Week

Presentation of a child's painting to President John F. Kennedy last week marked National Retarded Children's week which started Thursday.

The presentation was made by David Jordalen, nine-year old poster child for the National Association for Retarded Children. The painting was to show the child's progress in school.

W. W. Smith, president of the Jackson County Association for Retarded Children, welcomed the presidential recognition of National Retarded Children's week as "one more indication of the great forces now at work in behalf of the mentally retarded."

In Jackson county there are an estimated 250 retarded children and adults. The local association is working in their behalf to provide them with a well-rounded program to meet their needs.

County Selected as Conference Location

Jackson county will be the site of the 1963 fall conference of the department of classroom teachers of the Oregon Education Association, the OEA has announced.

The county was chosen because of interest shown by the educational leaders of Jackson county in the OEA department.

The department of classroom teachers in the largest OEA department with about 16,000 members. Any classroom teacher with OEA membership is automatically a member of the department.

Jackson county was represented with 22 delegates at a conference in Bend this year.

UNICEF Halloween Drive Nets \$952

The United Nations' Children's Emergency Fund raised \$952 from Medford and neighboring towns during the Halloween trick or treat collection.

Ashland provided \$93 of this. Sixteen Sunday schools took part in the program. Some had parties and workshops for children.

The St. Mary's school, as well as classrooms in the Medford school district, helped considerably, and some youth groups and many neighborhood mothers assisted in the Halloween collections.

The local UNICEF committee consisted of Mrs. Rease Braley, Mrs. Marrs Gibbons, Mrs. R. B. Thierolf, Mrs. Arthur Barber and Mrs. Don Whalen.

COMPLETES ORIENTATION

Army Second Lt. Fred W. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Greene, route 1, Eagle Point, completed an eight-week officer orientation course recently at the Army Center, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Lieutenant Greene is a 1957 graduate of Medford High school and a 1962 graduate of Oregon State university. He is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Flight Engineer's Error Noted in Plane Ditching

New York -UPI- The pilot of the Flying Tiger Airlines Constellation that ditched in the North Atlantic last September testified Wednesday that his flight engineer made an "inadvertent mistake" during the crucial moments preceding the forced landing at sea.

Capt. John D. Murray, 44, was the key witness in the opening session of a Civil Aeronautics board hearing.

His flight engineer, James E. Garrett, was one of 28 persons died in the Sept. 23 tragedy. There were 48 survivors, including three of the eight-man crew.

Stopped No. 1 Engine

Murray said that when the No. 3 engine burst into flame, Garrett made an "inadvertent mistake" by pulling a switch which stopped the No. 1 engine.

"I glanced back over my shoulder and saw the flight engineer returning the shut off valve of the No. 1 engine," Murray said.

The engineer said something to me at this time that he had inadvertently pulled the No. 1 shut-off valve in a critical situation - down to two engines - then a fire warning light indicated trouble in the No. 2 engine, which was then shut off."

He said he heard a "thud" from the left side of the plane and the "fire warning" light stayed on. That was when he knew they were going to have to ditch the plane into the ocean, so he radioed a Military Air Transportation Service

ice plane circling overhead to try to fix his position.

He said it was at this time that he "made an announcement to the passengers that I was ditching."

This testimony disagreed with a CAB report that Murray did not inform the passengers of his plans to ditch the plane.

The plane took off from MacGuire Air Force Base, N.J., as a MATS flight to Rhein Main Air Force Base, Frankfurt, Germany. Its passengers were military personnel and their dependents.

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