

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk about automobiles today. Why automobiles at this particular moment? Well, as this is written, about mid-afternoon of Saturday, the traffic fatality figures for the Memorial Day holiday week end are beginning to trickle in over the wires.

The total at this hour is 314. California, as usual, leads the procession with 38 deaths. New York is next with 28. California leads all the states in automobile registrations, with a total of 7,229,000 cars. New York is next, with a total of 4,782,000 registered cars. It is logical to assume where there are more cars there will be more fatal accidents.

THIS is a changing world. It is just possible that the automobile has changed it as much as anything else. So let's take a look at how the automobile got started.

SO far as known, the first self-propelled road vehicle was a steam tractor built by a French artillery captain named Nicholas Joseph Cugnot. It managed a speed of THREE miles per hour. It was used to drag artillery into position. That was back in 1769—194 years ago.

The British went on from there. On Christmas Eve, 1801, Richard Trevithick mounted a steam engine on a carriage and drove it on a highway near Camborne, England. By 1830, the English were operating a number of steam carriages capable of traveling at 10 mph, going up and down hills, and carrying as many as 14 passengers.

In the years that followed, steam coaches became common in England. Unfortunately for their progress, English rural residents objected violently to the fire-spouting monsters. The horse-drawn stagecoaches also hated them.

SO—in the 1860's, England passed what are known as the Red Flag laws. These Red Flag laws required that each motor carriage be preceded in the daytime by a man carrying a red flag, and during the night by a man carrying a lantern.

These laws, not repealed until 1896, slowed-down automobile development.

THESE ancient cars were propelled by STEAM engines, which were awkward and bunglesome when used for highway traffic.

Then, in 1862, a brilliant Frenchman named Alphonse Beau de Rochas worked out on paper the principle of the internal combustion engine. In 1885, Gottlieb Daimler, a German, built a one-cylinder internal combustion engine, put it in a carriage and DROVE IT DOWN THE ROAD.

That did it. The internal combustion engine made possible both the automobile and the airplane.

IT is generally believed that the first American car was built by Charles Duryea, assisted by his brother Franklin, in 1893. It was a small one-seater, with the engine underneath and connected with the rear wheels by a bicycle chain.

From there on, the Americans took over. Henry Ford, with his Model T, brought the price of cars down within reach of the average person.

WHAT changed the world. Why? Well, consider this: If your grandparents—or your great-grandparents, depending on how old you are—lived more than a mile or so from downtown, here's what they had to do:

Go out in the barn. Curry the horse. Harness the horse. Hitch him to the buggy. Drive

at a speed of three or four mph down town. Find a hitching post. Do their shopping. Then drive home. Unhitch the horse. Put him in the barn. Unharness him. Feed him.

WHAT a rigmarole, just to get downtown! It's little wonder that the automobile changed the world. It's true that it has its dangers, when improperly handled. But we just COULDN'T get along without it.

PP&L Directors Promote Region At Bay Area Event

Advantages favoring the location of new manufacturing plants in communities served by Pacific Power and Light company were outlined to industrial and financial leaders of the west at group meetings Monday and Tuesday in San Francisco.

PP&L President Don R. McClung reported the sessions provided an opportunity for the power company to inform officials of important national corporations of the availability of raw materials, skilled labor, good transportation to markets and the tax economies of Pacific Power's service areas.

"The company's industrial development and area program on behalf of the communities it serves is a continuous effort and these meetings help spread the gospel about Pacific Powerland," McClung added.

Serve on Boards—The financial and industrial leaders serve on the boards of directors of many corporations and it is worthwhile having them know Pacific Power is prepared to assist their companies—on a confidential basis—to find favorable locations in our service areas for their future plants," he explained.

The PP&L official said the members of the board of directors of the power company, most of whom are business leaders in cities served by PP&L, also were present to boost their home towns. The directors were in San Francisco Tuesday for a regular quarterly meeting of PP&L's board.

On Thursday, McClung said, the officers of the company will speak to the Society of Financial Analysts in Los Angeles and present a similar program to business and industrial leaders of southern California. Future PP&L financing plans also were reviewed.

"More of our stockholders reside in California than any other state, and we anticipate a substantial amount of our future capital needs will continue to be provided by investors in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas," McClung said.

Man Treated After One Car Accident

Vernon Richard Wynkoop, 48, of 1176 1/2 Court st., Medford, was treated at Rogue Valley hospital for facial cuts Sunday night following a one-car accident on the Old Stage rd. near Gold Hill.

State police said the car rolled over once, landing on its wheels.

ARRAIGNMENT MOVED

Portland—UPI—Arraignment of seven men who were indicted on mail fraud charges last week in connection with land sales promotion in Harney county has been moved from June 7 to June 13.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

PAPA SMEDKINS, under the urgings of his wife, reluctantly postponed his golf game to give his young son the customary introductory lecture on the birds and the bees. At the end of his talk, both father and son were obviously impatient. "At least," concluded Papa Smedkins, "I guess you now understand why your cat is about to have kittens." "Thanks to you, pop," said Junior, "I do. She must have gotten stung by a bee."



Young Johnson, whose father had been hanged as a horse thief, decided, way back in 1900, to apply for life insurance. The application blank, comparatively simple though it was in those days, presented a problem. The cause of his mother's death was easy: double pneumonia. How could he explain, however, the sudden demise of his old man? Johnson was equal to the occasion. He wrote: "My father was taking part in a heavily attended public function when the platform gave way."

Irvin Cobb once was called upon to admire a hideous and ornate wedding gift somebody had bestowed upon a neighbor's daughter. "Very handsome," grunted Cobb. "Very expensive, I'm sure. But, for the love of heaven, don't let them make any more of them!"

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State Education Board To Hear Recommendations On Physical Education

Recommendations for improving the physical education program in Oregon schools, sponsored by a committee from the Oregon Association of School Administrators, will be presented to the State Board of Education at the June meeting in Salem Wednesday.

The committee, appointed by Ray Hunsaker, president of the administrator's association, at the request of Dr. Leon P. Minear, state superintendent of public instruction, has made six recommendations. The first would require all students to participate in a daily program of physical education throughout each of the 12 years of public school education.

This recommendation is an outgrowth of the fact-finding report released in 1961 showing a significant drop in the level of physical fitness in Oregon. The study was made by the Oregon State Board of Health, the Oregon State System of Higher Education and the Oregon State Department of Education.

The fitness level of college freshmen was compared with that of 1955, the last year of the four-year physical education requirement in high schools. This report prompted a more complete study by the Association of School Administrators. Serving on the committee were six administrators, including Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford.

Districts Unable to Comply—The recommendations provide for consideration of districts which find it impossible to comply immediately with the proposed standard of a four-year requirement, if the recommendation is adopted by the State Board of Education. Schools falling in this category will, however, be asked to approach the requirement as closely as possible.

The committee also asks that the State Department of Education make a study of the feasibility and desirability of establishing health education as a separate subject area in regard to instruction, scheduling and credit.

During 1967-68, the committee recommends that the department review the progress made in secondary schools of the state to bring the health and physical education program up to recommended standards.

President's Recommendation—The committee points out that President Kennedy has strongly recommended adoption of a 12-year public school program of health and physical education.

Three standards will be brought before the board for approval and adoption and two of these are in the field of health.

The board will be asked to require each school in the state to appoint a staff member to serve as the coordinator of the school health program. The qualification of school nurses will be reviewed and the joint staff committee will recommend that the nurses meet the minimum qualifications of a public health nurse as prescribed in the Oregon Merit System Council Classification plan.

Another standard to be considered by the board at the meeting applies to doubling-shifting in the schools. Only under extreme necessity will permission to operate half-day sessions be granted if the proposed recommendations are adopted.

Personnel Changes—A number of personnel changes will be considered by the board Wednesday. Two long-time employees, Henry W. Sorick and Dr. John S. Conway, are leaving the Department of Education this summer.

Sorick, director of certification, is retiring after being with the department since 1947. Dr. Conway is resigning Aug. 9 to become an associate professor of education at Southern Oregon college, Ashland. He is supervisor of secondary education and has worked as a specialist on junior high schools and is chairman of the state committee for the Regional School Accrediting association.

HAS SPEED HABIT—Portland, Ind.—UPI—Racing car driver Jim McElreath, who placed sixth in the Memorial Day 500-mile classic, was arrested for speeding on a state highway. He paid the \$17.75 fine.

Silver—To combat shortage of silver for coins, administration asked authority to replace existing silver-backed \$1 bills with gold-backed \$1 bills. Congress approved; bill awaiting President's signature.

Women Workers—Administration-backed bill would require equal pay for women workers who do the same work as male employees; new rule would apply to jobs covered by minimum wage-hour law. Congress approved; bill awaiting President's signature.

Rifle Discharges, Injuring Local Boy—Ronald William Munro, 15, of 70 Fair Oaks dr., Medford, was hit in the right hand by a .22 caliber rifle slug late Saturday afternoon while target shooting on Roxy Anne.

The rifle was fired by Henry Muller, 829 Minnesota ave. The bullet glanced off a tin can and hit the other youth. Munro was treated by a private physician.

Status of Congressional Bills

Washington—UPI—Status of major legislation:

Income Taxes—President Kennedy has proposed tax-reduction-and-revision bill that would provide net cut of \$10.3 billion in individual and corporate taxes over three years.

House—Ways and Means committee is voting item-by-item on administration program. Senate—awaiting House action.

Military Pay—Administration asked \$1.2 billion annual pay and benefit boost for all servicemen, reservists and retirees. House—passed modified version to cost \$15 million less and providing no increase for 832,000 draftees and enlistees in their first two years of service. House included controversial \$30.5 million "recomputation" feature for those retired before 1958. Senate—Hearings expected this month.

Fallout Shelters—President Kennedy wants authority to make federal contributions toward construction of civil defense fallout shelters in schools, hospitals and other non-profit institutions. House—Armed Services subcommittee hearings under way. Senate—nothing scheduled.

Foreign Aid—Administration asking \$4.5 billion. House—Foreign Affairs committee hearings under way. Senate—nothing scheduled yet.

Health Insurance—President wants hospitalization program for persons 65 and older financed through social security. House—Ways and Means committee may hold hearings this summer. Senate—awaiting House action.

Mental Health—Administration wants long-range, \$717 million program for community mental health centers; research on and treatment of mental retardation. House—Commerce subcommittee hearings completed. Senate—approved with revisions.

Medical Schools—Administration asked long range construction aid for medical dental schools, loans to students. House—passed three-year program that would cost \$236 million. Senate—no hearings yet.

College Construction—Kennedy originally asked for federal funds to build classrooms and laboratories as part of larger \$5.3 billion school bill; agreed later to separate bills. House—Education committee approved \$1.6 billion in grants and loans for colleges. Senate—Hearings under way on omnibus school bill.

Schools and Libraries—President wants aid continued for "impacted areas" and libraries.

House—Education committee approved in separate bills, with amendments forbidding use of funds for segregated facilities. Senate—Hearings under way on omnibus school bill.

Civil Rights—President asking speedup in voting suits, more protection of Negro voting rights, extension of life of civil rights commission. House—Judiciary committee hearings under way. Senate—Hearings under way on extension of commission.

Cotton—Administration backed subsidy plan would provide cheaper cotton for U.S. textile mills; includes lower support prices for large-scale growers and potential relaxation of planting restrictions. House—Agriculture committee approved. Senate—hearings completed.

Mass Transit—Kennedy proposed \$500 million in subsidies to improve city rail.

Domestic Peace Corps—President asking for new organization of 1,000 to 5,000 skilled volunteers to carry out work in this country similar to peace corps projects abroad. \$5 million first year cost. House—Education and Labor subcommittee hearings under way. Senate—hearings under way.

Action Completed—Draft-Kennedy asked four-year extension of selective service and doctor draft. Congress approved; bill signed into law.

Feed Grains—Kennedy wants to continue the program of paying farmers to hold down surplus corn and other feed grain production. Congress approved two-year extension. Bill signed into law.

National Debt—To permit government to borrow money it needs to keep paying its bills, congress agreed to boost legal limit on national debt to \$307 billion through June 30 and to \$309 billion during July and August. Bill signed into law. Previous temporary limit was \$305 billion; further legislation will be needed to prevent ceiling from dropping to \$285 billion Sept. 1.

Signed by the governor: SB7—Conciliation services. SB95—Taxation. SB119—Ad valorem taxation. SB195—Amending uniform principal and income act. SB263—Investment by guardian. SB307—Bond coverage for auctioneers. SB334—Escrow agents.

HB1522—Allows SIAC to revise workmen's compensation rates. **HB1865**—Corrects tax bill error. **HB2015**—Transfers TB hospital to medical school. **HB2043**—Higher education budget. **HB1063**—Statutory salaries. **HB2084**—Salaries for college teachers and state employees. **HJR42**—Interim tax committee.

Measures Passed At Monday Session

Salem—UPI—The legislature approved the following measures Monday:

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Eight Reasons

Political Stint Found as One Way To Get Started on Nightclub Career

By DICK WEST

Washington—UPI—People with talent are always asking how they can break into show business.

It's really quite simple. If you are a girl, you can marry a producer. If you are rich, you can buy yourself a theater. Or you can join the New Frontier and become deputy assistant to the secretary of the treasury.

The third method was the one used by Edward E. McCormack, who recently resigned from the Treasury Department to make his debut as a nightclub singer.

I wouldn't recommend his system for everyone, however. You might make a mistake and wind up as a cabinet member instead.

Although he had taken piano lessons and done a little vocalizing with school orchestras, McCormack didn't really get started on the road to a show business career until he was a student at Stonehill college in Massachusetts.

That was when he became active in President Kennedy's first campaign for the Senate.

A baritone can't make it from campaigns to cabarets in one easy leap, however. McCormack's next step up the ladder was to join the staff of Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.), as a legislative assistant.

Being associated with a senator is good training for show business, but McCormack still needed more polish. So, during the 1960 presidential race, he joined the Kennedy campaign as traveling "advance man."

His work in that capacity led to his next assignment as director of transportation for the inauguration ceremonies. This was the break he had been waiting for.

An engineer for a record company heard McCormack sing at an informal social gathering and suggested that he start crooning professionally. But McCormack hesitated for eight reasons.

Only after he had joined the Treasury Department and had a couple of television appearances to his credit did he feel secure enough to burn his bureaucratic bridges.

As deputy assistant to the secretary, he helped handle congressional relations. One of his congressional relations was Speaker John McCormack (D-Mass.), a distant cousin.

McCormack is now performing nightly at a local supper club. He also has a record album coming out soon, so it appears that this phase of his career is well

launched. I do, however, want to offer a word of caution to anyone who might want to follow the McCormack example of getting into show biz via politics. Make certain you pick a winning candidate.

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