

# Ways to Lower California Highway Deaths Are Studied

Sacramento - A Senate finance subcommittee has proposed what its members consider the most effective means of curbing death and injuries on the California highways - more uniformed patrolmen with citation books patrolling the highways and citing violators of the state's vehicle laws.

The subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Sen. Randolph Collier, Yreka, recommended 75 more new traffic officers than the Governor's budget had requested be added to the force and that a series of administrative actions be taken to result in all officers spending more time in their patrol cars on the highways and less time in administrative functions. Other members of the committee are Senator Luther Gibson of Vallejo and Thomas Rees of Los Angeles.

## Driver Education Grants Available

Eugene - Twenty students who enroll in the problems of traffic safety class at the University of Oregon's summer session will receive scholarships from a \$2,000 grant contributed by the Allstate Foundation.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Allstate Foundation will offer awards of \$90 each to persons interested in teaching driver education. The program is aimed at expanding the driver education courses in Oregon high schools.

## Deletes Positions

In addition to recommending the 75 new patrolmen plus the 75 sought by the Governor, the subcommittee deleted ten administrative positions, including seven sergeants, and recommended all uniformed personnel, excluding headquarters staff, wear their uniforms during all working hours, travel in standard enforcement vehicles, and carry a citation book and issue citations.

## Recommendations Made

Collier pointed out the subcommittee made several recommendations intended to increase the number of patrolling hours obtained from the present manpower. These included:

- Elimination of the practice of uniformed personnel being used to transport vehicles.
- Prohibiting transfer of field personnel to headquarters on temporary duty to augment the headquarters staff.
- Overtime pay, instead of compensatory time off, for all extra hours worked by patrolmen.
- Limiting crews at fixed scale locations to only one uniformed officer to write citations, with civilians handling all other duties.
- Reduction of \$31,000 of the amount requested for aircraft rental purposes for patrolling purposes, in order that the officers may return to the highways.

## Staff Meetings

"Zone staff meetings every month may be nice," Collier added, "but they are a luxury we can't afford. They not only cost money but also deprive the areas of zone commanders service for about 24 days each year. Much of this business our investigation has shown, should be handled by mail."

"It costs approximately \$10,000 to train and equip the new highway patrolman," Collier said. "We expect these administrative changes to make the equivalent of about 200 officers from the existing force available for patrolling the highways. The officers freed from administrative and paper work combined with the 75 new officers we have added, should result in an increase of more than 10 per cent of the number of uniformed men actually patrolling the highways."

## Prerequisite to the advanced course is the driver education course on experience in the field of driver education. It can be taken concurrently with the advanced course. Dr. Wayne Brumbach, associate professor of physical education, will teach both courses.

## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Harlo

How can a visitor to our shores ever learn the language? Take him to a bowling match... A strike is cheered...



But take him to a ball game and try to explain why this strike is received thusly...

BOOO!! ROBBER! BUM! MOIDER THE UMP!!

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins  
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## 'Man-Eating' Clam Really Harmless

If you have gazed in awed amazement at the so-called man-eating clam in front of a curio store, it might come as a slight disappointment to you to know that, in spite of what the sign reads, this giant of the world of mollusks is really a pretty harmless monster that poses no threat whatsoever to anyone.

There have been thousands of these huge shells brought into the U.S. and prominently displayed, usually with the frightening sign, "man-eating-clam," attached to the shell. The text accompanying the shell informs the amazed viewer that "this monster" from the depths of the sea eats careless swimmers, or those that venture into the ocean's depths.

However, the truth is, no human being was ever attacked by one of these creatures in the history of the world. Although these huge mollusks do not occur in waters adjacent to any American shore, they are nevertheless familiar objects throughout states that harbor the sea, and wherever tourists gather.

Gift shops and curio stores that specialize in marine oddities often display the "man-eater." To most of the visitors to these shops, not too familiar with that interesting branch of science that embraces the world of mollusks, this mammoth shell does look dangerous enough to be what is claimed for it on the sign.

It is the sign, the size and shape of the shell itself that scares people. The real facts are nearly as startling as is the shell, for this is by far the largest mollusk that lives. Some of these shells in their home waters may attain an overall length of five and a half feet, and weigh, when alive, as much as 500 pounds.

The so-called man-eating clam that really isn't is more or less common along the Great Barrier Reef of Australia and in a few other parts of the South Pacific ocean. Even there, in their natural environment, they pose little threat to man, except in very few cases where a swimmer places a hand or foot inadvertently between the two valves of the shell. Even this would have to be done when the mollusk was feeding and the two valves were open.

The giant clam lives on tiny organisms which, like itself, live in the warm ocean waters. This clam, like its cousin the oyster, feeds by opening its valves and sucking in great quantities of sea water, from which the body of the animal strains out the living organisms.

The huge clam shells displayed in front of the curio stores will be white and clean, very unlike its living counterpart in the sea. In life, the clam would look much different being heavily encrusted with barnacles and other forms of marine growths.

In its natural environment, it probably would be difficult for a diver to see it, and therefore he might accidentally put a hand or foot in between the two valves. If this happened, he would be trapped and might drown before help could arrive to pry the two valves apart, but he certainly would not be eaten.

The number of divers that have been caught in this manner is few. Like so many stories about little understood things, this, too, has been grossly exaggerated. In its homeland - Australia and the South Pacific - the giant shell is often used for storing fresh water, grain or flour. Over here, we use them to scare people.

# The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Denny. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

## Mrs. B. H. - He hasn't even retired yet, and he's looking for a new job!

Mr. B. H. - It's self-preservation! Idleness would finish me off.

## Mrs. B. H. - My husband will be automatically retired by his firm in September, and already he's sending in applications to 60-Plus Clubs and Senior Citizen Centers to find him a job. He hasn't even tried out a few months of plain loafing, or traveling, or learning something new.

Mr. B. H. - I know the one thing I like best. It's work. I've been a salesman in a department store for 40 years and I'd like to sell for another 40. My wife and I have done our share of traveling during long vacations. I dread a life of bench-sitting, movies, and chit-chat.

## The Council: Shepherd Mead, who wrote "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," defines success as Being Able to Do What One Really Wants to Do. That means knowing what that "what" is, and having the opportunity to pursue it. Most people, he notes, find time to do everything except that one "what." Only those who wangle their way to the activity of their heart's true lifelong desire - be it writing, clam-digging, or vaccinating! - can be termed "successful" human beings. . . . Mr. H. feels so certain of that "what" - just more of same - that he won't even accept a breather in which to make sure. We go along with Mrs. H. here and say, Whoa, boy! Take some time out to look at alternatives with new eyes relaxed unpressured eyes. How about exploring a hobby? We just read of a retired musician who now enjoys preparing turkey feathers for archery. How about further study? There's a brand new group, the Oliver Wendell Holmes association, rounding up retirees who'd like "learning for learning's sake." Then if a job is still the cream in your coffee, fine. If it isn't, neither your coffee nor your future need be black.

## Weekly Newspapers Note Rise in Income

Eugene - Weekly newspapers had an increase of 6.8 per cent in total income in 1962 over 1961, while the total expenses went up only 3.7 per cent. These figures were determined in a weekly newspaper cost study conducted by Carl C. Webb, associate professor at the University of Oregon School of Journalism.

The findings of the National Weekly Newspaper Cost Study, were published in the June issue of National Publisher.

Webb is chairman of the Cost Study committees for both the National Editorial Association and the Newspaper Association of America, sponsors of the annual studies. He also is manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.

# Pedersen Returns From Tokyo School

James G. Pedersen returned to Medford recently from Tokyo, Japan, where he spent the past year teaching at the Narimasu High school for the dependents of Air Force personnel.

Pedersen is a 1960 graduate of Southern Oregon college, and will leave in mid-August to accept a position in the science department at the Maryknoll High school in Honolulu, Hawaii.

He will spend the summer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pedersen Jr., 78 Perrydale ave., Medford.

# Medford Student Is Candidate for Title

McMinnville - Karen Mocabee, daughter of Mrs. E. J. Mocabee, 856 Murphy rd., Medford, was a candidate for Best Dressed Girl of 1963 on the Linfield college campus.

Miss Mocabee has completed her sophomore year at Linfield. The Best Dressed Girl was chosen by women students from a field of 10.

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