

Valley Woman Hurt In Medford Mishap

A 53-year-old Central Point woman suffered serious injuries Wednesday when she lost control of her car on a turn and crashed into Howard School at 2901 Meriman Rd., according to city police.

In fair condition in Rogue Valley Hospital was Maria Alvilda Jacobsen, 72 Bigham Dr.

Mrs. Jacobsen told officers she was driving an unfamiliar car and lost control of it as she attempted to turn a corner by the school about 5:33 p.m.

The car smashed through a hedge, struck a steel pole and crashed into a corner of the school building.

ADD TO "LIST"
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two British ships, a Moroccan vessel and two Lebanese ships have been added to the maritime administration's "blacklist" of vessels barred from carrying U.S. government-financed cargoes because they participated in trade with Cuba.

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CLEAR ROAD AHEAD—A motorcyclist, right, has the southbound lane of New York's East River Drive to himself, but the northbound lane has cars lined up three deep. All northbound lanes were closed for an hour after part of the roadway collapsed, causing the massive traffic jam. (UPI)

Draftee Test Being Planned

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department is considering a plan under which all youths would be given physical and mental tests for the draft at the age of 18, it was learned today.

At present, the physical and mental tests are given at the time of induction, which averages 23 years.

Defense officials said the purpose of the change would be to increase voluntary enlistments in the armed services.

They said they believed that more youths would enlist if they knew they were physically and mentally qualified and probably would be drafted five years later anyway.

More than half of the potential draftees now are rejected by physical and mental tests, but it is believed the rate of rejections would be far smaller if they were given to all youths.

Enlistments already provide by far the greater proportion of the recruits for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Only the Army is using draftees. In 1962 there were 324,000 enlistments against 81,000 draft inductions.

Conceivably, officials said, enlistments could rise with further encouragement to a point where inductions would be rare or unnecessary.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THE TERRIBLE-TEMPERED scion of an old Virginia family got as far North as Boston on a motor trip and dropped in for luncheon at a Boylston Street restaurant.

Near the end of his report he summoned the proprietor and inquired icily, "Tell me, my good man: is not Boston the place where they dumped the tea in the harbor?" "Of course," said the proprietor. "Good," nodded the Southern gentleman. "I suggest that you now follow the same procedure with your coffee."



Author-producer Nunnally Johnson is a city man first, last, and all the time.

Told that he might inherit a forty-acre estate in the country, Johnson promised, "If I get it, I'll have the whole thing paved."

SIGN LANGUAGE: On a church bulletin in Syracuse: "Come to worship every Sunday and avoid the Easter rush." . . . In Houston: "Last Cadillac dealer for three blocks" . . . In the window of a Chicago paint and wallpaper store: "Husbands choosing colors must have a note from their wives."

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Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER

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HOW MUCH TIME OFF FOR CHRISTMAS?

This year Christmas falls on Wednesday — a calendar fact which, as a corporation employee, you will find no cause for rejoicing, for this means you'll probably get only a few extra hours off before the holiday. In contrast, last year when Christmas fell on Tuesday, corporations the nation over closed Monday and millions of employees got a four-day weekend.

Wednesday is the "worst" day for this holiday. While a large number of U.S. companies which did not have to stay open the day before Christmas to serve the public gave employees a four-day week-end in 1962, they're not going one bit for the five-day deal in 1963.

The 19th annual survey of corporation holiday practices by the Dartnell Corp. of Chicago will be released Nov. 1. A preview of replies by companies in 34 states and parts of Canada indicates none will give Monday off and only 16 per cent will give all of Tuesday off before Christmas. Most — 61 per cent — will just give a half-day off on Tuesday and will reopen as usual on Thursday.

The New Year's holiday pattern will be even less relaxed. None will give Monday off and a majority — 67 per cent — won't give any time off on Tuesday either. You're not going to get a running start into New Year's eve this year.

Of the 218 companies surveyed, only one is using this Christmas-New Year's to grant a full-fledged vacation. SKF Industries, Inc. of Philadelphia which reports that "a substantial majority of our employees are eligible for three weeks' vacation or more" is shutting down its plant from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, thus combining a one-week vacation period with the paid holidays.

The reason for the restraint, of course, is the cost of prolonged shutdowns at this season. General Motors won't announce its schedule until mid-December but its normal procedure is to give a half-day off on Christmas and New Year's eves. What would it cost GM to give a five-day holiday? Says a GM spokesman queried in New York "more than \$26 million for hourly-rated employees alone." This would not include salaried people or the cost of lost production or of plants closing.

Here are other trends uncovered by the Dartwell survey. A first one which surprises me is renewed popularity for the oft-discredited Christmas party. A majority of 63 per cent of the companies will have Christmas parties this year, way above 1962's total.

The feeling pro and con Christmas parties is strong. One man, whose company held a party last year, said, "Anything is better than a party!" Another, whose company favors the get-together countered with, "An informal party is always good. The employees 'let their hair down.'" (SP comment: frequently too far down for their own good.) The party season will run more than a month—begin Dec. 6 and end in mid-January.

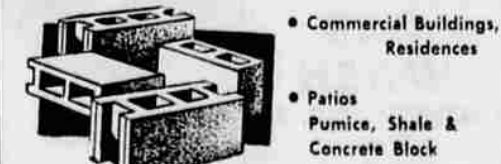
A second trend which is impressive is the continuing clamp-down on acceptance of gifts from the outside by employees. This year, 63 per cent of the companies checked declared they have a No-Gift policy against 47 per cent in 1962, 39 per cent the year before. Many of those who do not prohibit the taking of gifts by their employees put a dollar limit on their value—less than \$5 or up to \$10. Others who do not have a written ban on acceptance of gifts discourage them under unwritten rules.

The business gift market is immense but it has leveled out. The magazine "Incentive Merchandising" estimates that business gift spending will hit \$322 million this year, less than a 1 per cent increase over 1962's spending. The magazine "Sales Management" reports a slight decline in the number of companies giving gifts and a slight rise in the number of corporations giving none.

P. S. On your time-off before Christmas this year, it may be some consolation to know that companies are much more generous than they used to be. In 1957, when Christmas last fell on Wednesday, the number giving a full day off on Tuesday was insignificant and only 25-35 per cent gave even a half-day off.

P.P.S.: Also as consolation, next year Christmas will fall on Friday—meaning a minimum of a three-day holiday is coming up.

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SO, too, when he first built for himself a shelter, man turned to wood. Whether of plaited boughs or of stout logs, wood protected him from the elements and from his enemies. As he became civilized he expressed much of his culture and his concepts in the form of buildings of wood, many of which have survived the passing of centuries. In Oslo recently there was celebrated the 1300th anniversary of a church of timber construction even to the pegs holding the building together. In Japan, religious ceremonies are still held in a temple 1100 years old. The timbered walls of the church at Chipping Ongar, Essex, were erected in 841 A.D. As O.D.A. Oberg, C.M.G., a great lover of timber, has said: "Timber is the stuff of history. Timber kept us warm for a thousand centuries, saved Noah, built King Solomon's temple, sacked Troy, symbolized our hopes of Heaven, discovered America and Australia, made Britain mistress of the seas, and keeps the flag flying still."

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