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Courts Convicting More Motorists

Drunken driving convictions in Oregon during the first six months of 1950 increased 22 percent over last year at the same time, according to figures released by the secretary of state.

For the first six months of this year, 1,103 Oregonians had licenses revoked for driving while intoxicated. Last year during the same period, 907 revocations were handed out for drunken driving.

A total of 19,168 traffic violation convictions, resulting in revocation of 1,340 licenses and suspension of 252 other licenses, were recorded for the January through June period.

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Davis Withdraws From Senate Race

Arthur L. Davis of Mill City withdrew last week from the race for the office of state senator from Marion county.

Davis had won the democratic nomination for the office in the May primaries. In making his withdrawal, he said he was no longer a resident of Marion county having established residence in Linn county.

Frank Porter and Davis were unopposed in the primary campaign for the office.

Davis said his change of residence was the reason for his withdrawal.

Selection of a replacement candidate will be in the hands of the Marion County Democratic Central committee. Cornelius Bateson, Clarence Schrock and Luis Martine-Lally have been mentioned as Davis' replacement.

Martine-Lally is chairman of the county central committee, Schrock is a Salem automobile dealer and Bateson, a farmer living near Pratum was district director of the census for this district during the past few months.

ELKHORN

By ELSIE MYERS

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dark and boys attended the Salem Rose society picnic Thursday. On their way home they stopped at the carnival in Stayton. Sunday the Darks visited the Washington park and International Test garden in Portland.

"Pops" Wells, who has been spending the summer on the Emil Dicks place is returning to his home in Portland this week due to ill health.

Robert Van Eton, son of Mrs. Carl Longnecker, left Portland the first of last week for San Diego where he will enlist in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers attended Pomona Grange at the Santiam grange hall Thursday evening. They received their obligation in the fifth degree from the district depute, Mrs. Ed Norman of Milwaukee, whose husband and Mr. Myers were boyhood friends. It was the first time they had met in forty years.

Drury Lane and Durwood, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dark, have both received scholarships to the Y.M.C.A. camp at Silver Creek camp. They will be the special guests of Mr. C. A. Kells of Salem. Drury Lane attends from July 23 to 30, and Durwood from July 30 to August 6th.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers were their daughter, Mrs. Roberta Wheeler and three children. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Luthke and Emil J. Delsol of Portland.

Callers at the Bill Bickett home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newsome and daughters and Mr. Newsome's father and mother who are visiting here from Anten, Texas.

Mrs. Steve Dark and boys recently spent the day with Mrs. Alvin Garrison on their farm. Mr. Garrison is employed at the Highberger mill on the Little North Fork.

Scout Troop Spends Week at Pioneer

Twenty-one boy scouts from the Detroit-Idanha troop concluded a week at the Camp Pioneer Camporee at Pine Ridge lake Sunday.

During their week in the wilderness the boys studied the arts of rowing a boat, of paddling canoes and other crafts of the lake country woodsman.

Camp Pioneer was built at a cost of about \$40,000 largely through the cooperation of the Salem junior chamber of commerce and the United States forest service. It lies about three miles as the crow flies east of the North Santiam highway and seven miles from Marion Forks via logging roads and foot trails.

Activity at the camp is under the supervision of the Cascadia Area boy scout council. All scouts entering the camp must check in health cards.

Scoutmaster Don Striggow, Tenny Moore, Fergie Ferguson, Ben Martin, Al Snyder, Brad Humphreys and Warren Card provided transportation to within three-fourths of a mile of the campsite. Striggow, Snyder, Ferguson and Ed Davis visited the boys during the week.

IDANHA—Pioneer camp opened Sunday the 16th with 138 scouts from 8 troops represented. The camp has a staff of 24 members all of which are scouts with the exception of the cook, Pops "Bert" Cray. It was he who told those very tales that the boys enjoyed so much. Included in the staff are Howard Higby, camp director; John Knapp, assistant director; Eric Soderberg, trail director; Bill Baldwin, assistant trail director, and Allers the first aid attendant.

Allers said there was but one accident in camp during the first week, Rolin Hibbs of Valsez cut his foot and the wound required five stitches to close.

At 10 a.m. Sunday, services were held at the chapel with Tom Bland officiating. Following at 11 a.m. standard time, at the council fire ring was the court of honor with Gardener Knappe of the regional council in charge. Ray Wells of Albany was asked to present second class badges to 15 deserving scouts. Those who received them from Troop 43, Detroit-Mongold-Idanha, were Alan Girod, Russel Rice, Leonard Snyder, Robert Lady, Cecil Ferris, Donald Watkins, Brad Humphreys, Ray Patterson, Michael Moore and Eldon Ferris.

Don Striggow presented first class badges to eight scouts, Fred Davis being the only one from Troop 43.

One star award was presented to a lad from Troop 40 by Tom Brand.

Life awards had been earned by Gerald White, who just returned from the National Jamboree at Valley Forge. Pete Fuller also won the life award. Merit badges from one to nine were awarded by Gardener Knappe to 32 scouts. Those from Troop 43 winning these awards were Dick Woodward, Don Striggow, Fred Davis, Jack White, Merle James and Terry Ferguson.

Friends and parents of the boys from troop 43 who visited camp last

After Three Years Farm Prices Rise

Turning upward in April and May, the general farm price level reached 127 percent of the 1940-1949 average by mid-June, the Oregon state college extension service reports.

The upswing checked a downturn that began in January, 1948.

The report points to record consumer buying power coupled with government price supporting measures and somewhat less favorable crop production prospects as factors in the farm price situation. Farm cost prices also tended to strengthen. Crop production prospects are now somewhat more favorable than in May, while on the other hand the demand outlook has strengthened.

The general exchange value of farm products stood at 97 per cent of parity at mid-June. That is only 2 points lower than the peak of October, 1946. A few important farm products are above parity in purchasing power but most are below.

Sunday were Mrs. George Humphreys, Mrs. Don Striggow, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kolliver, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Girod, Brad Humphreys, E. N. Ferguson, Ben Martin and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Snyder.

MILL CITY MAN SURPRISED WITH A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. Thurl Shipley was surprised by his wife Sunday evening with a birthday party on the Linn county banks of the North Santiam.

A picnic lunch including barbequed turkey, roast frankfurters, marshmallows and salad were served to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walker, Mr. and Mrs. "Red" Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bushnell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gronsky, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Loring of Hillsboro, Mr. Pete Cathawood and the Shipleys.

There seems to be a widespread idea among an ever growing number of people that the reading of newspapers and mag's, the listening to radio commentators and the looking at television forums is supposed to take the place of thinking.—Brandels.

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