

Young Driver Records Eyed

DENVER (UPI) — Driving records of 7,000 Denver teen-agers will be used to test results of a psychological study of bad traffic habits. The aim: to see if habitual violators can be predetermined.

Dr. Robert V. Rainey of the Colorado University Medical Center found repeating violators among military servicemen showed a pattern of emotional hot-headedness.

He wants to check these results in a four-year study of teen-agers, starting when they're 15 years of age and continuing through their early motoring careers.

Rainey told a recent safety conference the habitual violators who had a high accident rate as a rule felt they were better drivers than persons with more normal records.

He said the servicemen, ranging in age from 18 to 40, appeared to be more interested in their own

satisfactions.

He added:

"They were less conventional than the other (non-violator) group. And they responded to traffic situations on a highly emotional level."

Rainey concluded:

"They were men who couldn't stop to count to 10."

Psychologist Rainey warned that the results with the teen-agers may be different, as might be similar studies conducted with other age groups and occupations.

Rabbits Counted In New Survey

BAKERSFIELD (UPI) — The State Department of Fish and Game has started to establish census routes for rabbits in an effort to obtain more management data on the species.

A count of 165 cottontails and 11 jack rabbits was obtained from one four mile route in Kern County.

Animal Population Still Mystery

CHICAGO (UPI) — If someone should ask you how many animals there are don't feel embarrassed if you can't answer. Even scientists who specialize in animals are unsure.

Counting out the single cell and subcellular organisms which live in the fringe area between animal and plant, biologists still have no answer, according to the Chicago Natural History Museum.

In 1758, Carolus Linnaeus, the Swedish biologist, who classified all living things known to him, published a catalogue of 4,236 species.

Since Linnaeus' day the total has grown to something over a million. New species are being added at the rate of about 10,000 per year, and some biologists believe there may be up to five million.

If you are pressed for an answer suggest, as the scientists do, that the person come back 200 years when it is predicted that the job of sorting will be 90 per cent complete.

Will Man Ever Crack The Barrier Of Time? Can He Come Home Younger Man?

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PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Most people are familiar with speeds that crack the sound barrier. But what about cracking the time barrier?

There's a scientific theory that man may some day travel fast enough in space to "get ahead of time." Another way of saying it is that if Rip Van Winkle had spent his 20 years snoozing in a trip through space aboard a hyper-sonic rocket ship, he might have come back younger than he started out.

It's not as silly as it sounds. Albert Einstein, in enunciating his theory of relativity a half-century ago, explained to the handful who could understand him that time almost stands still for something that's moving fast enough.

Today, Dr. I. M. Levitt, Director of the Franklin Institute's Fels Planetarium here, says the actual proof is at hand as we heave satellites into orbit to radio back the story.

Levitt, who designed the world's first "space clock" to record inter-planetary time variations between the earth and Mars, has developed a new series of clocks to demonstrate how time slows down for a body as it approaches the speed of light.

For example, if a space ship can be accelerated until it attains a speed of 167,700 miles a second—about 90 per cent of the speed of light—Levitt said the traveler would age but 10 years on a trip during which the stay-at-homes on earth were aging 23 years.

Levitt explained that the closer we come to limiting speed of light—186,000 miles a second—the more time is slowed down, until at the speed of light, if such were attainable, time would stop.

The slowdown—or time dilation—is normally imperceptible, but sensitive instruments can show the effect at hypersonic speeds.

"I hope to see in the next few years," said Levitt, "a satellite carrying a precise clock which will record this dilation or slowing down of time in a human body, circling the earth at a speed of five miles per second."

This is relatively slow, but it will be enough to figure accurately that in a life span of 100 years, the inhabitants of the space station would gain one second over those remaining on earth, he said.

In the distant future, however, on jaunts to the outer reaches of the solar system, the significance would be much greater, he said, and the time gain might make space travel a sort of "elixir of life."

Levitt explained that the body is much like a clock with the heart taking the place of the balance wheel. As the rocket's speed increases, he said, the heart will function more slowly, and if the body's speed increases enough, the heart will beat 70 times an hour instead of 70 times a minute.

There's no one beating a path to the space ship reservation desk to book passage for the "fountain of youth," however. The issue is not without controversy.

Medical men, while not disputing the validity of the time dilation theory, take issue with those who claim the human body can be slowed down to this point and still live.

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Natives On Block Island Await Their Ghost Ship

BLOCK ISLAND, R. I. (UPI) — The fiery ghost ship Palatine, doomed to sail forever the murky waters of Block Island Sound, could show up anytime.

That's what Sam Mott, proprietor of the Spring House and Narragansett Hotel, said.

"No one has seen her yet this year," Mott said, "but someone usually does—sometimes. We saw it, or maybe thought we did, when I was a youngster."

And, the natives of this tiny island have either heard relatives tell of seeing the Palatine—or have seen it themselves.

Listen to their story:
In 1732, the Palatine, loaded down with wealthy Dutch families and their belongings, sailed off the Rhode Island coast, during a raging blizzard, the crew mutilated and abandoned the ship to her passengers.

Wreckers on Block Island lured the Palatine closer to shore with a lantern—and she smashed into rocks off Sandy Point the day after Christmas.

The passengers, screaming in panic, jumped from the ill-fated ship and attempted to fight their way to shore through the icy surf.

SWEET TOOTH

DES MOINES (UPI)—A bandit walked into a local bakery, pulled a gun and ran off with two sweet rolls.

The wreckers looted her even as the hapless men, women and children drowned in the black, wild water. Either accidentally or deliberately, the Palatine was set afire.

One woman passenger refused to leave, and the ship caught in the teeth of the howling gale, was driven back out to sea. The woman's screams were stifled by the storm.

Frequently, since that day, people have reported seeing the Palatine—her rigging and hull blazing. People like Miss Nellie Maxwell, who said she saw the Palatine within the last few years; Clarence Lewis, who vowed his father saw it; Miss Elizabeth Dickens, who said her grandfather saw it.

Four of the wreck's survivors died at the home of Miss Dickens' great great-grandfather. If you take a short walk from her house through lonely fields, you'll come upon their graves, marked by four worn, crude stones set atop a bush-choked mound.

And if you're ever on Block Island on a night a storm is brewing, turn an ear seaward. You might hear the long, piteous wail of the Palatine's lone passenger.

Then again, you might even see the phantom ship, aglow with her unearthly fire, heading out of the blackness into shore. If you're a brave person, you'll watch her come in.



SUN BAKED AND BATTERED but still standing is this old cabin at Verryville, mining town of bygone days south of Denio. The old hulk is one of a shrinking number of such humble houses that once made up the town that lived on gold.