

Traffic Count Shows Increase In October

Vehicular traffic increased at five points along four major highways in the county last October compared to the same month for 1962, according to information released by the Oregon State Highway Department.

The greatest increase was noted at Midland, US97, with a gain of 10.6 per cent, followed by Merrill, Ore. 39, 8.4 per cent; Beatty, Ore. 66, 8.2 per cent; Chemult, U.S. 97, 7.6 per cent, and Fort Klamath, Ore. 62, five per cent.

The maximum traffic load in the county was recorded Saturday, Oct. 26, when 4,133 vehicles were checked by traffic counters at Merrill. Next came Sunday, Oct. 13, when 3,395 vehicles crossed similar counters at Chemult. Other figures indicate that maximum travel for the state also occurred on that Sunday.

The report also showed that 33 persons were killed in 33 traffic accidents reported throughout the state during the

month. One of the fatal collisions occurred in Klamath County near Kirk, where a northbound car skidded broadside into the path of another vehicle in the southbound lane, killing one person and injuring two others.

Other information revealed that a general increase in traffic occurred on all highways throughout the state. Rural Interstate highways had an increase of 7.3 per cent, while non-Interstate rural highways had an increase of 7.9 per cent. Urban Interstate highway traffic increased by 5.9 per cent, while traffic on other urban roads was up 0.1 per cent.

During the first 10 months of 1963, compared to the same period in 1962, the traffic count showed an increase of 2.2 per cent for rural traffic and 2.9 per cent for urban traffic.

ROOSEVELT'S REMARK

When Franklin D. Roosevelt said "The hand that held the dagger struck it into the back of its neighbor" he referred to the action of Italy in declaring war on France when that country had been conquered by Germany in the summer of 1940.



BIG FOUR — Shown in recent file photos are the present Big Four leaders: French President Charles de Gaulle (upper left), U.S. President Lyndon Johnson (upper right), Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev (lower left), and British Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

Nelson Monroe Leases Giant Pit River Ranch

ALTURAS—The John Galvin enterprise in Modoc and Lassen counties, known as the Pit River Ranch, has been leased for three years by Nelson H. Monroe of Likely, it was announced this week.

The ranch, which encompasses some 60,000 acres including 9,000 acres of irrigated land, is capable of running 8,000 head of cows. The ranch was bought by the Galvin family late in 1958 and incorporated ranches owned then by N. H. Monroe, A. H. Burmister, Winema Farms, Ash Valley Farms, George Williams, Flying Arrow Ranch (Madeline) and certain former fish and game properties. The purchase price

at the time was \$2,200,000 for the package deal.

The lease agreement has been negotiated through the Redwood Land and Cattle Company in line with the leasing of all the Galvin family holdings in California.

Monroe said that he will take over the lease the first of January and it will be managed by his son, Harold Monroe. The manager will reside at the main ranch building (formerly the Monroe ranch) and all the other homes on the ranch will be rented, Monroe said.

"Right now we plan to sub-lease the land back to many of the same persons who have had leases there in the past two years," he said.

Monroe listed the current lessors as the H. C. Cattle Company, Don Flournoy, Ar-Christensen, Fred Hansen, Kenneth VanLoan, Pete McGarva, Jack Tuteur, Percy Fredrickson, Herb Bell, Bob Brown, Don Collis, and an association known as the Big Five.

Monroe said that the leases include all the equipment.

State Plans New Plates

SALEM (UPI)—Three letter, three number license plates, with a larger "Oregon," but without the phrase "Pacific Wonderland," will begin appearing on Oregon autos Jan. 1.

But not everyone will have new style plates until 1968, because of a planned slow changeover to the new style.

Color of the new plates will be gold letters on a blue background, the same as at present. The new plates will be similar in appearance to the present three letter, three number plates now in use in California and Washington.

The department will not issue special letter combinations on request to the general public. The new license series will start with AAA 001. A few three letter combinations will not be used — for obvious reasons.

The first new plates, the department said, will be issued to persons from out of state, purchasers of new autos, and those replacing damaged or lost plates.

Rarest U.S. large cent is the 1799 cent, which is hard to find even in poor condition.

Child Prodigy 'Decorates' Home With Colorful Murals

By DICK WEST
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Being the father of a child prodigy is no bed of roses as Dr. Suphi Baykam of Ankara, Turkey, and I can readily attest.

According to a newspaper story I saw this week, an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Dr. Baykam's 6-year-old son Bedri has been "producing gasps of admiration in European art circles."

The exhibition attracted 100,000 people its first three weeks. Viewers were said to "find it difficult to believe that a youngster is capable of such mature art."

Young Bedri, the story continued, "knows nothing of the artistic stir" his works have created because his father does not want the boy treated as a child prodigy. I think I know just how Dr. Baykam feels.

It so happens that my own son, who recently celebrated his second birthday, also has an extraordinary aptitude for the graphic arts. Believe me, it presents a problem.

"Thus far, we haven't exhibited any of his work outside the family, but it has certainly produced gasps from his mother and me."

We find it difficult to believe

that anyone so young is capable of creating such a big mess.

Unlike Bedri, who works with water colors and pencils, my son uses a wide range of materials. Crayons, ballpoint pens, eyebrow pencils and lipstick are among his favorite media.

And, again in contrast to Bedri, who sketches on paper, my son specializes in murals. In the past six weeks, he has redecorated our living room, kitchen, hallway and middle bedroom.

There also is a marked difference in style. Bedri is a representational painter with a penchant for portraits and sketches of cowboys. My son creates neo-expressionistic abstractions.

Dr. Baykam was quoted as saying that Bedri sometimes "does not want to eat or sleep for two days and night, but continues painting all the time."

This is the same sort of dedication my son has exhibited. He has continued painting despite the combined surveillance of his father, mother, grandfather and two older sisters.

"The phantom muralist strikes again" is our watchword.

A lot of art lovers have tried to purchase Bedri's work, but his father has thus far refused to part with any of it. I couldn't part with my son's paintings either. They won't come off the walls.

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