

Dry Holiday Parties Urged

In an effort to reduce the traffic accident toll in "Deadly December", Howard L. Eddy, executive secretary of the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, has urged all employers to dry up Christmas parties.

As facts indicate more clearly each year that the aftermath of accidents following company drinking feasts is costly in lives and money lost, Oregon industries in increasing numbers are switching to non-alcoholic refreshments.

"While not legally responsible for employees after they leave the company premises, the employer is certainly morally accountable for mishaps that occur because of a company-sponsored event," said Eddy.

"If liquor is served at a company Christmas party, however, the employer should provide safe transportation home for each celebrant. The cost of chartered buses or taxis is certainly less expensive than fines, lost time of key men, hospital bills and funeral costs," he said.

Even the cautious tippler is not safe from mishap. Just a few drinks, bringing the blood alcohol content up to 15/100s of one percent, increases a person's chance of having an accident 25 times more than when he's sober, noted Eddy.

Wyatt Selects 10 Candidates

Representative Wendell Wyatt (R-Ore) has nominated ten young men in the First Congressional District as candidates for admission to the United States Naval Academy and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. The following six young men were selected as candidates for Annapolis and they will compete for one vacancy at the Academy. The successful candidate will enter Annapolis in July, 1965:

Alton Lee, Jr., Corvallis; John Erickson, Astoria; Fred L. Sheely, St. Helens; Stephen Brixey, McMinnville; James H. Hicks, Salem; James H. Kendall, Seaside.

Candidates to the Merchant Marine Academy, which school offers a four year course leading to a license as an officer in the U. S. Merchant Marine and a commission as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve, are as follows:

Ormond Ormsby, Portland (Washington Co.); Robert Lamendola, Seaside; Stephen D. Moore, Astoria; Michael Timm, Milwaukie.

These candidates will compete with other nominees from throughout the state for three vacancies at the Merchant Marine Academy allocated to the State of Oregon.

Here's a cold fact from the Traffic Safety & Education Division of the Oregon Department of Vehicles: At 20 miles an hour, you can stop your car in 43 feet on dry pavement. On ice, you would need 217 feet to stop! Remember, use chains on ice or snow.

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QUESTION: I'm an employer. How can the Oregon State Employment Service help me with personnel problems in trainee selection, reduction of labor turnover and identification of changing skill requirements required by new plant processes?

ANSWER: Selection tests have been developed for over five hundred occupations. In servicing employer orders these tests may be used in selecting applicants for referral who will be quicker to learn, produce faster and offer increased chances for reliability on the job. Jobs can also be analyzed by specialists to provide a basis for improved applicant selection, identification of changing skill requirements and for test development.

QUESTION: Is there a report-writing contest sponsored through the president's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and who is eligible?

ANSWER: Yes, this marks the 17th Annual "Ability Counts" contest sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in cooperation with the Governors' and Community Committees. All 11th and 12th grade students are eligible to enter the report-writing contest. Each state winner is awarded an expense-paid trip to Washington, D. C., paid for by the AFL-CIO, to attend the annual meeting of the President's Committee and to meet other state winners. State winners are also eligible to win \$1,000, \$600, \$400, \$300, or \$200 prizes in the national contest. The Oregon first five winners receive attractive certificates and \$330, \$220, \$110 scholarships and \$50 and \$25 savings bonds in that order. Juniors and seniors in high schools interested in writing a report of this year's theme, How the Handicapped Are Overcoming Barriers to Employment in My Community, may obtain more information from their English instructors or the Oregon Department of Employment office nearest them.

QUESTION: How many of the job applicants served by Employment Service are unemployed at the time they are helped to find employment?

ANSWER: At least 98 percent of workers placed in jobs through the Employment Service are unemployed at the time of placement. The service's placements of "professional, technical and managerial" workers involve very few persons who are not unemployed at the time they apply for employment. By law, the Wagner-Peyser Act, which created the Employment Service, all persons, employed or unemployed, who apply for employment at the public employment offices, must be served. Workers in the professional, technical and managerial categories also become unemployed and there are always persons who are looking for better employment to best suit their abilities and aptitudes. The latter group, however, is less than 2 percent of the total number of placements made by the Employment Service.

Return To Montana Preceded By Visits

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. David Clossner and Mrs. Clossner's sister were in the neighborhood Sunday visiting old acquaintances before returning to Montana. Mrs. Clossner had received word that her mother had had a heart attack a short time before.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen and Randy were in Astoria Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey Thursday.

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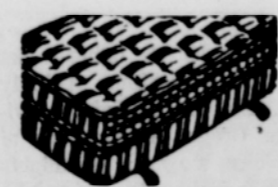
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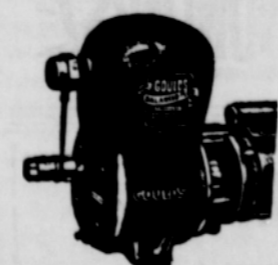


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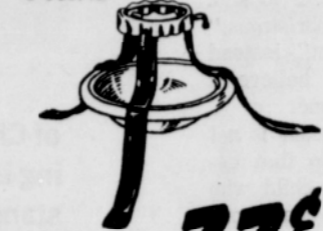
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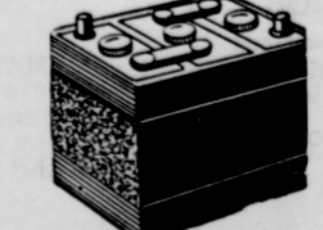
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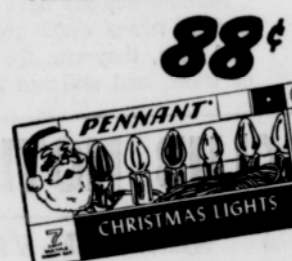
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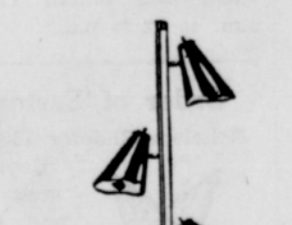


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