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Frank Smejkal Services Held

Frank J. Smejkal, who was a Buxton area resident, died very unexpectedly June 14 at Prineville. He had been making his home at Prineville for the past five years and his death was attributed to natural causes.

Wake services were held at the Fuiten Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia Sunday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. with Requiem Mass being offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Vernonia.

The Rev. Father Anthony Gussin of St. Mary's Church, conducted the services, with John Schmidlin and nephews, Leonard, Ambrose, Paul, Henry and George Schmidlin serving as pallbearers. Committal rites and interment were at the family plot at the Buxton cemetery.

Mr. Smejkal was born at Buxton on May 26, 1912, the son of the late Joseph and Theresa Plachil Smejkal. The family home was between Buxton and Bacoona and he received his education at the Green Mountain School. Mr. Smejkal spent most of his early life working in the logging industry in this area, and then served with the 274 Infantry Division during World War II. He received the Purple Heart and was a veteran of the Rhineland, Central Europe, Normandy and Northern France campaigns.

He was disabled during his military service and after returning here he did lighter and night watchman work and lived in the Buxton area until moving to Prineville five years ago.

Surviving are five brothers, Antone and Bill Smejkal of Vernonia; Ernest of Tillamook, Ed of Malin, and Rudolph of Coos Bay; a sister, Mrs. Theresa Schmidlin of Vernonia; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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Alberto Flies Home Thursday

MIST—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busch and Mark were hosts Sunday, June 10, at Yale Reservoir, Wn. at a farewell picnic for Alberto Allegre. Alberto will be leaving from the Portland International Airport early Thursday morning for his home in Mexico, after attending Vernonia High School this year.

Those attending were the Dave Banta, Frank Deckebach and Bill Nelson families; Gayle Welch, Keith Medges, Rick Davis, Keith Gardner, all of Vernonia; and Ann Munro of Birkenfeld.

The Ted Kuljus of Portland visited the Norman Hansens last Friday and Saturday, and the Steve Hansons of Corvallis were weekend guests at the Hansen home.

Mrs. Allen Wise and children of Raleigh Hills visited her mother, Mrs. Nettie Cox, and the Martin Hansons Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Franklin and girls visited Mrs. Cox and the Hansons Sunday evening.

Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Durham (the former Ida Larson), Port Orchard, Wn., visited Mrs. Jane Hansen. The Walter Tornblads and Mrs. Hansen visited the Sulo Sanders at Westport Tuesday. Mrs. Tom Ford of Portland visited her mother Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murphy, San Francisco, arrived Monday and spent the week with her sister, Mrs. Lloyd Garlock, and family. The Garlocks and their guests were overnight campers at Fort Stevens Wednesday. They crossed over to the Washington side via the Astoria Bridge, and returned home on the Washington side. Father's Day guests were the Ray Garlocks, Vern Wagner, and Mrs. Charles Wallace and girls of Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Totten and Linda of Vancouver visited at the Garlock home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson of Clatskanie and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen and Randy were in Portland for Father's Day.

Mrs. Joe Lonnquist will be hostess June 28, when the Mist Helping Circle meets at her home.

Traffic Toll Down for May

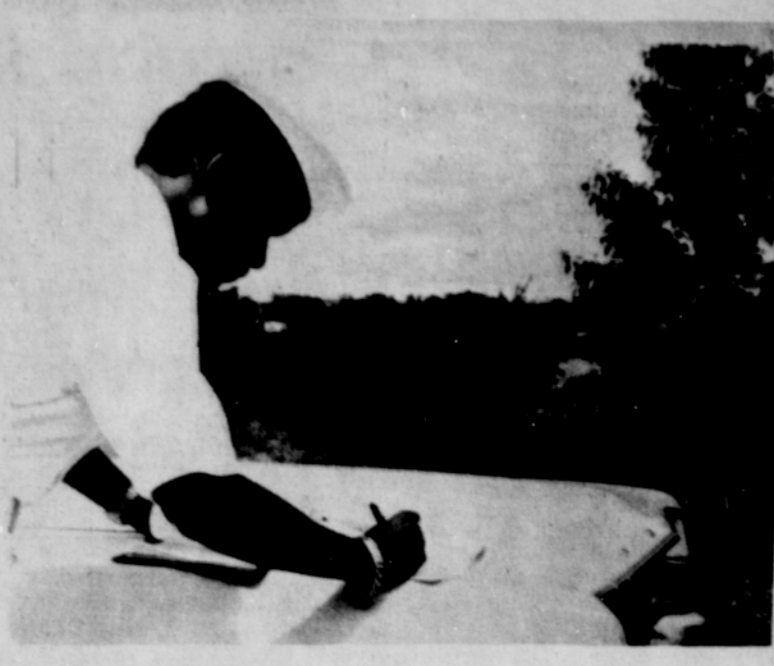
The lowest May traffic death toll in seven years was recorded in Oregon last month when 49 people were killed in traffic crashes.

The May deaths brought the state's five-month traffic death toll to 242—a decrease of more than 8½ percent over the same period of time a year ago, according to the Motor Vehicles Division.

The division report, however, noted that the toll would have been even lower if some of those killed had been wearing safety belts at the time of the crashes. It noted that tentative reports indicate that nine people were thrown from their vehicles at the time of impact. At least seven of these had seat belts in their vehicles, but the belts were not in use. Fifteen others had belts in their cars, not in use, and died from injuries received inside the vehicle.

The agency also released the state's estimated mileage and mileage death rate for the first quarter of the year. More than 3.5 billion miles were traveled. The mileage death rate for the period was 3.67 deaths in each 100 million miles of travel.

Travel for the first three months of the year, based on reports of gasoline gallonage sold in the state, was up about 13 percent. More than 277 million gallons of gasoline were sold during the period.



A COAST GUARD Reservist notes the physical condition and general land use of a shoreline area. Such information will be used in forming a local water pollution contingency plan for areas along the Oregon and Washington coasts. The plan, being prepared by local Coast Guard Reservists working with Coast Guard Environmental Protection personnel in Portland, is designed to reduce the time required to begin clean-up operations.

'Know How' Available for Water Pollution Abatement

If rhetoric could filter water, the streams of our nation would sparkle as they did in the days of Sacajawea and Jesse Applegate. It takes, unfortunately, more than words to deal with the massive problems of water pollution. But in the struggle to clean our rivers, industry is moving into the action phase at an accelerating rate.

When a federal court recently ruled to free \$6 billion in impounded funds for water pollution control, it gave a possible green light to \$89.5 million in new sewerage projects for Oregon.

In Columbia County that "filters" down to \$120,000 for secondary treatment plant improvements in Clatskanie, and \$158,920 for a pump station and interceptor line in Columbia City, reports the Oregon-Southwest Washington News Bureau.

The technology of pollution abatement is known and has been for a number of years. Computers have aided in refining techniques, but the basic "how to" has been available for at least ten years, according to the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of Associated General Contractors.

The increasing public awareness of the nature of water pollution and the unpleasant consequences of letting the problem go unsolved has stimulated activity in the drive for clean water.

There are three accepted categories of pollution abatement—primary treatment (30 percent of pollutants removed), secondary treatment (85 percent to 90 percent of pollutants), and third stage or tertiary treatment. Tertiary goes the whole way, usually with a chemical process. Chlorination is an example of tertiary treatment.

Primary and secondary treatment is fairly standard throughout the Northwest but the thrust of those most intimately associated with the problem is to tertiary treatment. And that will cost some money.

The economics of pollution abatement dictate that the expense of achieving secondary treatment must be doubled to achieve third stage treatment. As the percentage of pollution in water is reduced, the cost of continued cleaning goes up.

As population densities put increasingly heavier demands on the streams of the Northwest, it is apparent by all who deal with pollution that tertiary treatment is a necessity in the years immediately ahead. And the mood of the public is such that they are apparently willing to pay the necessary costs.

With the technology known and the society prepared to support the effort, it remains only for the builders and scientists to get on with it. According to Associated General Contractors, we are doing just that. Twenty to 30 treatment plants in the Portland area are due for immediate phase-out because they cannot meet today's demands. The new plants will. They will meet needs of populations that cross artificial political boundaries and will be designed to deliver pure water back to the area's rivers. The new plants will have it all.

In Oregon there are 109 municipal and regional projects that have inadequate sewerage facilities who could share in this \$89.5 million when and if the funds are released. They range from the \$20,500 chlorination project in Huntington to the whopping \$14,046,375 secondary treatment plant in Washington County.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Randall from Tillamook spent the night in Vernonia at the home of her mother, Blanche E. King. They also visited with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Pat) Reed. The following day they attended the funeral for Mrs. Herbert (Faye) Hunt at Forest Grove. Mrs. Hunt was the mother-in-law of Robert Randall's brother, Harry Randall of Tillamook.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrews and children of Gold Beach and a little nephew of Mill City were dinner guests Saturday at the home of Mr. Andrews' father, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Andrews. The folks were on their way to visit the zoo at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and daughters, Terri and Lori, of Rapid City, South Dakota dropped in to say "hello," and to bring greetings from home folks, at the home of Mr. Williams' aunt, Mr.

American Pageant and Fireworks Due at Dairy

Portland Youth for Christ and Alpenrose Dairy will present the eighth annual Americana Pageant and Fireworks Display beginning Friday, June 29, and continuing through Wednesday, July 4, at Alpenrose Dairy at 8 p.m. each evening.

This year's pageant features Kirby Brumfield of KATU, Rusty Nails, and Rose Festival Princess Anne Talbot, along with a cast of 200 Portland area youth in the 90-minute Freedom Foundation award winning portrayal of the American story.

The 1973 presentation includes many new elements not featured previously. Special preliminary activities will preface the pageant presentation each evening. Admission is free and the public is heartily welcomed.

Accidental death toll in 1972 was 117,000 according to National Safety Council.

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BY Woodrow Moss
Field Representative

SOCIAL SECURITY

APPLY EARLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

People getting a social security number for the first time should apply at least a month before they'll need it, according to James Pizsa, social security district manager in Portland.

"Applications from people who don't recall having had a social security number before generally are screened to make sure a second number isn't issued to the same person," Pizsa said.

"Screening takes time, so apply for your social security number early and you'll have it when you need it—when you get a job covered by social security," he said.

A worker builds retirement, disability, and survivors protection for himself and his family by work and earnings credited to his 9-digit social security number.

"Your social security number is yours alone and remains the same for life," Pizsa said. "Using more than one number can mean you're not getting full credit for your work and earnings."

"When you get a job covered by social security, you should make sure your employer copies your name and number correctly from your social security card to his records," he said.

More than nine out of 10 jobs are now covered or eligible to be covered by social security.

QUESTION: Why is it necessary to have been entitled to disability benefits for 24 months before you can have Medicare?

ANSWER: The 24 month period lessens the cost of the program, assures coverage for those who most need it, eliminates confusion for those with pending claims, and avoids possible overlapping of group insurance and Medicare.

QUESTION: I get monthly social security checks as a disabled widow, and I just started working at a part-time job. I heard that disabled people are allowed to work and test their ability to work for several months before their checks stop. Does this trial work period apply to me, too?

ANSWER: No. Since you receive disabled widow's benefits, the trial work period doesn't apply to you. The trial work period only applies to disabled workers who get monthly disability benefits. You should report to social security that you are working. If your work isn't considered to be a substantial gainful activity, your widow's checks may still continue.

QUESTION: When I became 65 last summer I signed up for medical insurance under Medicare, but I didn't have enough work under social security to get hospital insurance coverage. I heard that Congress recently changed the Medicare law. Does this mean I can now sign up for hospital insurance too?

ANSWER: Yes. Starting July 1, people who are 65 and over and are ineligible for hospital insurance may sign up for this coverage on a voluntary basis. For those who enroll, the monthly premium will be \$33. Enrollment for medical insurance is also required.

Rivers Unsafe For Swimming

Most Oregon streams and rivers are safe for swimming, reports the Department of Environmental Quality.

However, DEQ laboratory tests show bacteriological conditions make water contact activities potentially hazardous from the Tualatin River system from Gaston to the river's mouth, Johnson Creek, Marys River below Philomath, Pudding River, Columbia Slough, Rickreall Creek, Bear Creek and the Malheur River.

All other streams and rivers in the state are bacteriologically safe for water sports, but swimmers should avoid areas within about 100 yards of a sewage treatment plant or industrial outfall as a precaution against the possibility of a malfunctioning treatment system.

DEQ also reports that no stream waters can be considered safe for drinking, because even in isolated areas there is a chance of recent, local contamination from upstream uses.

tax relief granted. Motion carried.

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Board of Commissioners

(Unapproved Minutes)

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Chairman Fred Foshaug presiding. Commissioners Minkoff and Ahlborn, and secretary Gloria Salvey present.

Mr. Thompson advised the city of Scappoose is doing some patching work on sewer repairs. He indicated that there are several county roads in the area which need either patching or overlay as a result of sewer and water line installations.

Mr. Thompson advised Longview Fibre had requested an extension of East Meissner Road for ¼ mile. After discussion, Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded to approve the extension, with a 60 foot right of way, 30 foot roadbed, 24 foot driving space, and a minimum of 10 inches of gravel. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson reported he plans to discontinue the moving project as of the end of June.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the following purchase orders be approved: PO 2051, Bob Row, mowing for April and May, \$2,920; PO 2047, General Electric, mobile radio, 1972-73 budget, \$1,220; PO 2048, General Electric, mobile radios, 1973-74 budget, \$5,455; PO 2049, Communications, Enterprises, installation and change frequency, plus some repairs, \$1,090; PO 2052, Pete Matiacco, rock, \$8,105.50; PO 2050, Shoreline Construction, rock, \$662.50. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson discussed budget balances and expenditures anticipated for the balance of the fiscal year. He also discussed definite revenue sharing fund allocations.

Mr. Thompson reported an invoice had been received from White Motor Company for \$600 extra for front-wheel brakes on the 4 10-yard dump trucks recently purchased. He felt that this was included in the specifications when calling for bids, and therefore should not be paid, since there had not been a purchase order issued for additional expenses. Commissioner Minkoff agreed that in conversations with representatives of White Motor Company nothing had been said about additional cost for the front-wheel brake installation.

As a result of radio and newspaper reports, Commissioner Ahlborn moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded that Commissioners Foshaug be appointed as alternate member of the Columbia-Willamette Air Pollution Authority Board of Directors. Motion carried.

An order and deed were signed conveying mineral rights to Glenn and Mary Stroh on Lot 8, Block 77, (City of St. Helens).

Mrs. Lee Miller met with the board to advise that because of a misunderstanding the telephone in Dr. George's office had been removed when recent changes were made, and requested authorization to have it reinstalled. Permission was granted.

Ron Reeves met with the board regarding recommendations made by the Vehicle Review Committee with reference to the 1973-74 budget, and requested that committee be continued. After discussion, Commissioner Ahlborn moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded to accept their recommendations, and to continue the Vehicle Review Committee. Motion carried.

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Last January, at the start of the 57th Oregon Legislative Assembly, I promised you that this session would be a historic and a "people oriented" body. My predictions are truly becoming a reality.

By "people oriented", I had reference not only to the interested citizens who take the time and the effort to come to our state capitol to testify at hearings or to observe the legislative process in action, but also for the historic legislation being enacted that truly affects all of the people.

For example, great strides have been made in the direction of consumer protection. Legislation has either been signed into law by the governor or will soon be ready for his signature which will give added protection to the people.

Goodness knows, our dollar is being strained to the breaking point so it is only natural for this body to have introduced legislation to give the consumer—you and me—a better break for the goods and services we receive.

One such bill that I was pleased to vote for on June 4, was HB 2016, that passed on the floor of the Senate without one dissenting vote. HB 2016 revises existing food laws, and strongly puts teeth into the labeling which appears on packages on our grocer's shelves. This consumer protection bill authorizes the establishment of standards of identity, quality and contents of con-

sumers for foods. For further consumer protection, HB 2016 authorizes the Department of Agriculture to engage in enforcement activities.

Continuing with the "people oriented" session, there has been a major breakthrough in the field of mental health. Monumental changes have been made, giving more protection to our citizens. Some of this legislation will make our state institutions for these patients available for day-care or on a short term basis rather than the long, drawn out procedures which is not only costly, but in many ways, not needed for effective rehabilitation. We have expanded programs in mental health and have added the flexibility necessary for today's needs.

The Fifty-Seventh Legislative Assembly has also recognized and acted to begin programs which will help curb the serious drug problem that has reached epidemic proportions. There is a bill which declares that drug dependency is an illness and should be treated as such.

At the conclusion of this lengthy session, I will discuss in detail other landmark legislation that has been signed into law through the leadership abilities of the Democratic Party.

This week, I was very pleased to receive notification from the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission, that they have just made a grant of money available to Columbia County for a survey of all traffic signs and signals. This grant came after my continued request for action for this kind of problem that will quickly lead to safer road travel. I am continually seeking action from state agencies for the well-being of the people of my district. And so it was with a great feeling of pride, that I received a thoughtful note from Ben and Bea Yoss of Elsie, who said, in regards to some road work completed in front of their property, "It sure has improved the look of our town. Thanks to you for making it possible. We are all grateful to our Senator Holmstrom." And I say, thanks to you for letting me represent you here in Salem.

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