

Traffic Convictions Up In First Six Months

More than 175,000 traffic violation convictions were reported to the Motor Vehicles Division during the first six months of this year.

The figure represents an increase of about 1 1/2 per cent over the same period last year, and includes 5,315 convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol which, alone, increased 35 per cent over the first half of 1971.

Stepped-up enforcement and stricter laws relating to drinking and driving undoubtedly played a part in the increase in convictions for driving while under the influence, but also resulted in a sharp increase in the number of people who refuse to take a chemical test to determine their blood alcohol reading at the time of arrest.

The Division said it has issued 837 mandatory suspensions for refusing to submit to a breath test so far this year. That figure represents a 108 per cent increase over the January-June period last year.

In addition to suspensions for driving under the influence and refusal to take a breath test, the agency suspended 14,795 other licenses under mandatory provisions of the law and 3,131 under discretionary authority it has as the licensing agency.

Despite increased suspensions involving alcohol, total suspensions for the first half of the year were down nearly 12 per cent. The drop is partly the result of changes in the law that eliminated automatic suspensions resulting from failure to file a security deposit or conviction for driving on a suspended license.

Billboards Coming Down, Logo Boards Going Up

Governor Tom McCall will participate Thursday in razing of one billboard along Interstate 5 and erection of one of the first six motorist information logo boards.

Both acts are symbolic of the state's efforts to carry out the highway beautification law adopted by the 1971 Legislature. So far 83 billboards along interstate highways throughout Oregon have been taken down under the provisions of the new law.

All had been erected since passage of the Federal Highway Beautification Act in 1965. Owners had signed waivers agreeing that they could be taken down without compensation when the Act was implemented.

McCall will participate in taking down the 84th sign, which is owned by Standard Oil Co. The company is to be paid for the sign under the terms of the state and federal laws, and has agreed to accept whatever compensation is later determined.

McCall is in Washington, D.C. for a meeting with federal highway officials to seek approval of a compensation formula worked out by highway officials and outdoor advertising representatives in Oregon.

The Standard sign is along the southbound lanes of Interstate 5 just north of the Woodburn interchange.

Logo boards erected under the new state law provide space for company insignia to advise motorists of the types of services available at the next freeway exit.

McCall will tack up the last of five gasoline company insignia that will be placed on a logo board just north of the Champeog exit of Interstate 5, listing services at the Wilsonville interchange. Similar motorist information signs identifying lodging and food service locations also are to be erected in the months ahead.

The Wilsonville logo board is one of six being erected this month. The others are at the Corvallis-Lebanon, Murder

Disaster Drill Brings Realistic Performance



This sequence of pictures was taken at the disaster drill held early last week, with firemen, ambulance crews, city police and medical personnel participating.

At upper left, Jack Piltz is shown putting out a fire in one of the cars in the simulated accident.

The lower left picture shows three of the five "victims" injured in the accident. They are Valeri Feik, Trycia Lauderback and Kathy Lauderback. The other two, Lana Laub

Creek, Sunnyside-Turner, Brooks and Stafford Road interchanges on Interstate 5.

The logo boards are placed under the direction of the new Travel Information Council, headed by Portland attorney Al Hampson. Companies pay a yearly fee to the council for space on the signs.

Part of that money will be used to create sign plazas in rest areas under another part of the highway beautification law.

Billboard removal is under the direction of the State Highway Commission. The commission is ready to take down additional signs just as soon as a compensation formula is approved.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY FEATURED IN SUNSET

"A vacation discovery along its entire length for anyone who can trailer a boat or carry a canoe, kayak, or small rowboat on top of the car" is the way Sunset magazine's July issue describes Oregon's Willamette River.

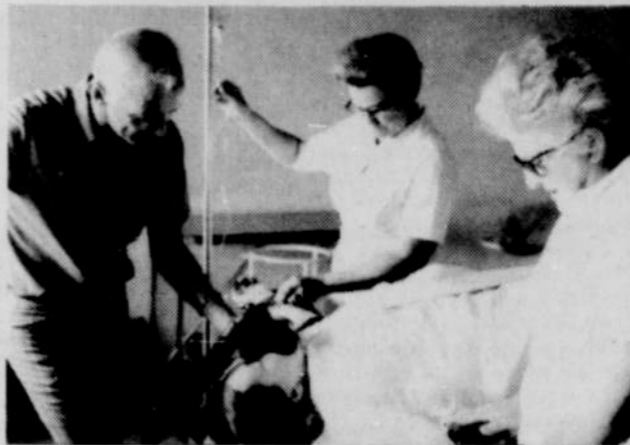
In its six-page cover feature on "The Willamette--Oregon's River Parkway," the Sunset article and pictures cover everything from the state's vigorous program of pollution clean-up to the shoreline parks and oceangoing ships that provide intriguing sightseeing for boaters, auto travelers and hikers.

A three-page map shows all the parks and boat ramps on the Willamette from Springfield to the Columbia, and indicates new projects on the shores of the river that will eventually result in a chain of parks, campsites, trails, drives and marinas along both banks. Sunset points out that new

reservoirs near the headwaters of the Willamette have modified the river's rampages, but have left enough fast chutes and white water in the upper river above Corvallis to keep canoeists and kayakers alert. The lower river and locks at Oregon City offer a different environment, with barges, freighters and factories replacing tranquil farmlands as the scenic attractions.

Free ferries at Buena Vista, Wheatland and Canby provide an interesting variation for auto travelers to the Willamette country, Sunset says. Each ferry handles four to six cars and makes continuous river crossings during the day.

In addition to its Oregon cover and the feature article, the magazine's "Letter from Sunset" editorial salutes the state's environmental action program and pictures the new Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.



Upper right shows Officer Pancho Rios, Fireman Bob Meisinger, Hospital Administrator Ernest King and Gladys Morton, LPN loading victim Lana Laurence onto the stretcher.

Lower right, Lana is being given emergency treatment at Malheur Memorial Hospital by King, Margaret Bennett, RN and Lillian Wagner, operating room technician.

An empty bottle weighs 7 3/8 ounces.



It's too heavy to carry to a litter basket?

APPLE VALLEY ITEMS

BY FRANCES SMALLEY

APPLE VALLEY—Dick Wagner moved his new trailer home onto the Alex Wagner place this past week and has been busy getting electricity and other facilities connected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells and David Sells of Boise went on a camping and fishing trip Wednesday thru Friday on the Middle Fork of the Weiser River.

The Treasure Valley United Crusade for Christ Churches are holding Christian Life & Witness Classes to prepare for the Crusade August 18-27 at the Caldwell Stadium under the Evangelist Dr. John Wesley White who is an associate of Billy Graham. Classes are held one night a week for four weeks in Nampa, Caldwell and Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hull attended the class at Nampa Monday evening and Mrs. Mary Nichols of Nampa, Mrs. Betty Anders of Caldwell and Clea Lockwood of Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Higgins visited Tuesday evening and Mrs. Leona Potts visited Saturday afternoon in the Lloyd Dibble home.

Monday evening Mrs. Jennie Seward and Mrs. Sarah Hobson were honored for their birthday anniversaries by all of Mrs. Seward's children and some of the grandchildren bringing in ice cream and cake at Jennie Seward's home.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward were Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce and family of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wild of Nyssa.

"A bachelor is the fellow who does not have a better half but has better quarters." —Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.

Delbert Sullivan's sisters, Mrs. John Smith and husband of Beaverton, Washington and Mrs. Mabel Smith of Portland were guests Tuesday thru Thursday in the Sullivan home. Wednesday they took a picnic lunch and enjoyed a trip up to Brownlee Dam.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hull and family were guests for a bridal shower in the Dencil Rippey home in Meridian. Denise Rippey was the honored guest and will marry Randy Forrey of Meridian on July 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weed at Caldwell. Mrs. Ruth Weed Wolf of Rock Island, Ill., was honor guest. Other dinner guests were Mrs. Mary Nichols of Nampa, Mrs. Betty Anders of Caldwell and Clea Lockwood of Caldwell.

Mrs. Erma Sparks of Nyssa visited Wednesday in the Gene Honey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoffman of Marysville, Wash. and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Guthrie were recent guests in the Gene Honey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Whitton of Boise were all day Friday guests of Mrs. Nell Correll. On Tuesday Mrs. Grace Hill of Notus was an afternoon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Fritts, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuning were camping over the weekend at Goose Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Bally Armacost of Meadows joined them Saturday evening for a visit.

Mrs. Helen Wilson and Mrs. Lavone Fox went to Meadows Friday and later joined the United Methodist group camping at McCall.

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