

Oregon Traffic Death Total Remains Low

Traffic deaths in Oregon during July hit a five-year low, and the yearly toll is continuing at the lowest level since 1963, according to the Motor Vehicles Division.

Fifty-six persons died in traffic accidents during the month, compared with 50 deaths in July last year. The toll for the year reached 310, compared with 352 traffic fatalities during the first seven months of 1974 and 309 for the first seven months in 1963, when the lowest recent January-through-July count was recorded.

There were three multiple-fatality crashes during the month, with two accidents claiming two lives each and one killing three. Weekend crashes accounted for 54 percent of the deaths.

The July and seven-month figures would have been even better, a division spokesman said, except for the fact that pedestrian deaths this year have increased sharply. In July, ten pedestrians died bringing the state's seven-

month pedestrian toll to 51. Last year only 27 pedestrians had died during the comparable period.

According to the division, 27 blood alcohol reports on individuals killed during the month had been received by DMV on August 1. Of these reports, 13 indicated the victims had been drinking prior to death.

Twelve Oregon counties reported no traffic deaths during the month. Lane county had the worst record in the state with eight deaths while Clackamas County recorded five deaths. Baker, Clatsop, Deschutes, Jackson, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, and Wasco counties all reported three deaths while Cook, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath and Polk counties each had two traffic deaths. Benton, Columbia, Crook, Lincoln, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa, Washington and Yamhill counties each recorded a single traffic fatality during July.

Rep. Ullman Announces Livestock Loan Program

The emergency livestock loan program now getting underway in Oregon includes Production Credit Associations for the first time, Congressman Al Ullman said here today.

He said it is vital for Oregon's livestock industry to have PCA's come under the program because they write an extremely high percentage of livestock loans within the state.

The new emergency loan program, enacted by Congress earlier this year, allows the Farmers Home Administration to guarantee a line of credit for any one borrower up to \$350,000 in emergency loan advances.

The old program allowed guarantees for specific loans, but not for a "line of credit" which, Ullman said, is generally the way the PCA

handles its financial arrangements with farmers and ranchers.

"The new program also allows for flexible interest rates," he said, "which should help in writing loans through the PCA."

Ullman asked the Farmers Home Administration to draft regulations for the program in such a way that the PCAs would be included.

Under the program, loans are guaranteed up to 90 percent with a seven-year period for repayment. Interest rates are to be negotiated or agreed upon by the lender and the borrower.

Fife Attends

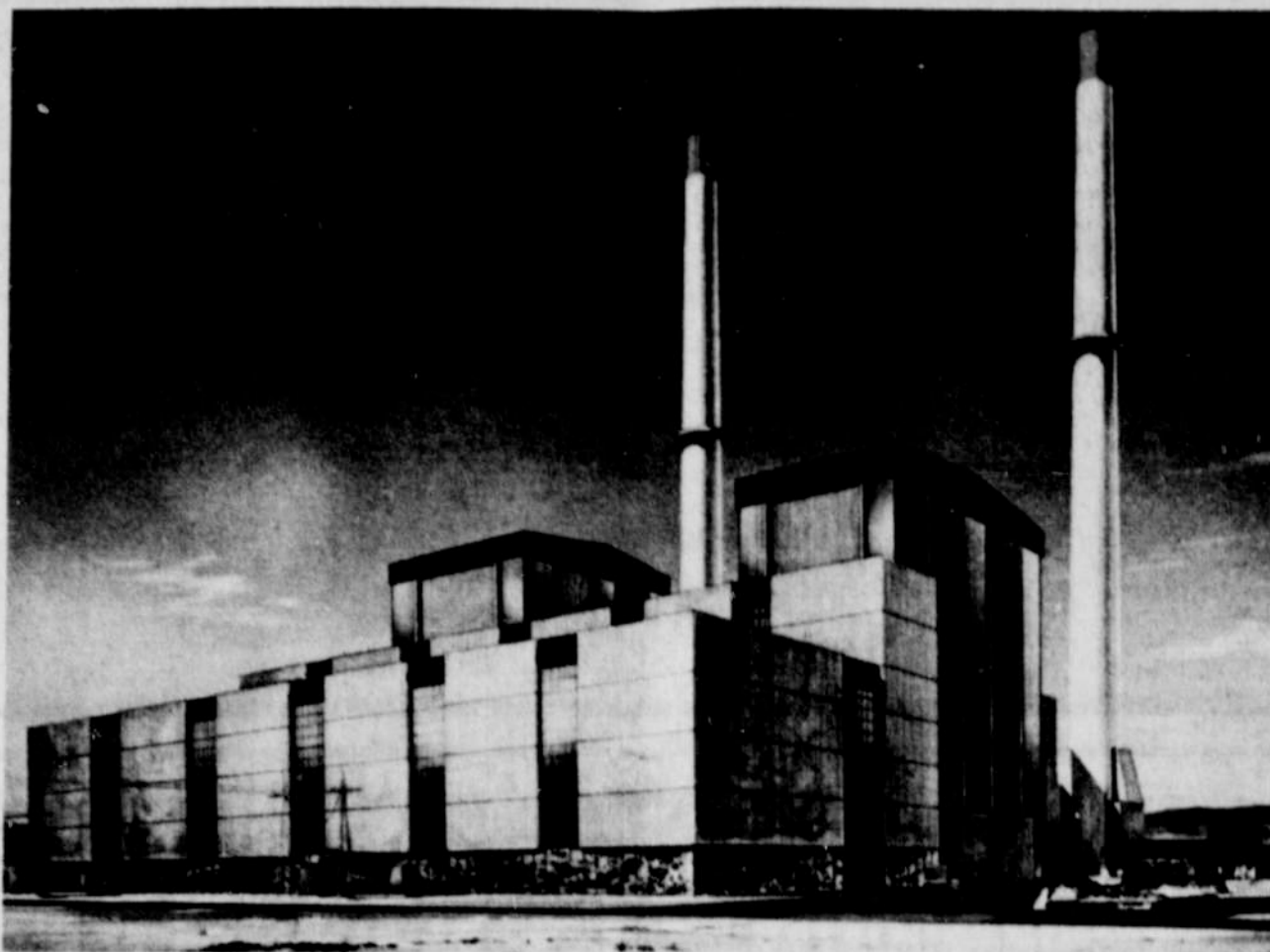
Workshop

Terry Fife from Nyssa High School recently attended a one-week leadership workshop for Oregon high school student leaders.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Fife. He is student body president at Nyssa High School.

The workshop was sponsored by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators, Oregon Association of Student Councils and the Oregon Department of Education. It was held on the campus of the Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem. Don Egge, deputy superintendent of public instruction, addressed the students. The workshop included a course in National Leadership Methods, taught by Jack McKay superintendent of schools in Sequim, Washington.

Don Perkins, executive secretary of the Oregon Association of Student Councils, coordinated the workshop. About 350 students attended.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION SHOWS how Idaho Power Company's proposed Pioneer plant would look when completed if construction of the million-kilowatt facility is authorized by regulatory agencies. Plant, its air and water quality control equipment engineered to meet current

standards, is being carefully designed to meet functional requirements and to have a pleasing appearance. Boilers at rear of plant would be enclosed and color scheme would harmonize with natural surroundings.

View From The Capitol

By Cecil D. Andrus
Gov. of Idaho

When possible tragedy involving a child strikes a home, it is the natural reaction of parents to expect the worst.

My wife, Carol, and I experienced that reaction recently.

We learned that our 19-year-old daughter, Tracy, was suffering from Hodgkin's Disease, a cancer of the lymph glands.

Fortunately our children had been instructed to be alert for the seven signs of cancer. Tracy recognized one of them, a tiny lump in her shoulder, and informed us promptly.

She was hospitalized immediately for tests and doctors were able to diagnose the disease quickly. Now she stands an excellent chance of recovery and will be able to live a relatively normal life.

Tracy has what is considered as Class II Hodgkin's

Disease and it is localized in the chest cavity above the diaphragm. Class II Hodgkin's is treatable with cobalt therapy and she is beginning such treatments at the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise.

Procedures used in the examination included upper chest surgery for the removal of affected nodes, a lymph angiogram, abdominal surgery for the removal of her spleen and biopsies on the liver and other organs and tissues.

We were pleased, of course, to learn that the lymph angiogram test results were negative, as were the results of all the abdominal tests. A piece of bone from Tracy's hip also was tested with negative results.

We are extremely grateful for the many expressions of hope and encouragement we have received from Idahoans everywhere.

Safety Tips For Power Mowers

Even if you're an old pro at power-mowing your lawn, you may have forgotten some of the basics of lawn mowing safety. Studies show that safety is no accident and 95

percent of all accidents are caused by carelessness. Here from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute are simple safety tips that will cut blade accidents in power mowing.



And we thank God that the medical knowledge and skill needed in dealing with such a situation was available to us.

We are thankful, too, that the American Cancer Society has been diligent in its publicizing of the seven signs of cancer. We urge parents and young people to be alert to those signs and take immediate action if any appear.

Here are those signs:

1. Any change in bowel or bladder habits.
2. A sore that does not heal.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. A thickening or a lump in the breast or elsewhere.
5. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. An obvious change in a wart or mole.
7. Nagging cough or hoarseness.

1. Read the owner's manual carefully, often, and become familiar with your mower before using it.

2. Start the mower engine with feet and hands well away from the blades and other rotating parts.

3. Know your controls. Learn how to stop machine fast in an emergency.

4. Stop the engine and disconnect spark plug before checking the discharge chute and working on the blade, or any other part.

Idaho Power Says New Plant Needed To Supply Energy

Idaho Power Company's proposed Pioneer generating plant would not damage the environment or harm human health and crops, and is the "only reasonable and feasible" way to protect its customers against energy shortages starting in the early 1980's.

So testified company officials and an impressive battery of independent expert witnesses under oath this week as the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (PUC) opened technical hearings in Boise on the new million-kilowatt plant planned for completion in 1983.

With the parade of Idaho Power officials and independent experts to the stand beginning Monday, a total of 24 witnesses presented testimony supporting the utility's application for a PUC certificate authorizing construction of Pioneer at a desert site near Orchard, 24 miles southeast of Boise.

The testimony, filling two thick volumes and much of it highly complex, made these key points:

1) Without Pioneer, Idaho Power's supplies will be short of projected customer requirements by more than 500,000 kilowatts (kw) in July, 1983, and a coal-fired plant is its only "reasonable" alternative to meet demands.

2) Power supplies would be short of forecasted summer peak demands—the loads Idaho Power must plan to serve—even if the first of Pioneer's two 500,000-kw units is completed on schedule.

3) Firm power in the necessary amounts would not be available from other systems to help supply summer peaks in the early 1980's and other planned Idaho Power projects might not be licensed in time.

4) No alternative source such as a nuclear plant could provide the necessary amounts of energy in time to meet customer requirements. The cost of any interim source—like turbines using scarce oil and natural gas—to supply demands while a nuclear plant is built would be double that of Pioneer.

5) An independent study indicates Idaho Power should install additional generating capacity in the 1980-81 period

if it is "to sustain its record of providing reliable service in the future."

6) Pioneer, burning low-sulfur coal that is below the emission limits, would meet current environmental regulations by a "considerable margin" without scrubbers and would not have any "significant" impact on the ecology.

7) Pioneer would not pose any "substantial threat" to human health from its emission of regulated pollutants.

8) Projections based on historical data and forecasts of population growth show residential customers alone will increase by nearly 90,000 by the time of Pioneer's scheduled completion in 1983 and will increase by about 250% by 1989. Average annual use per residential customer will nearly double in the next 15 years.

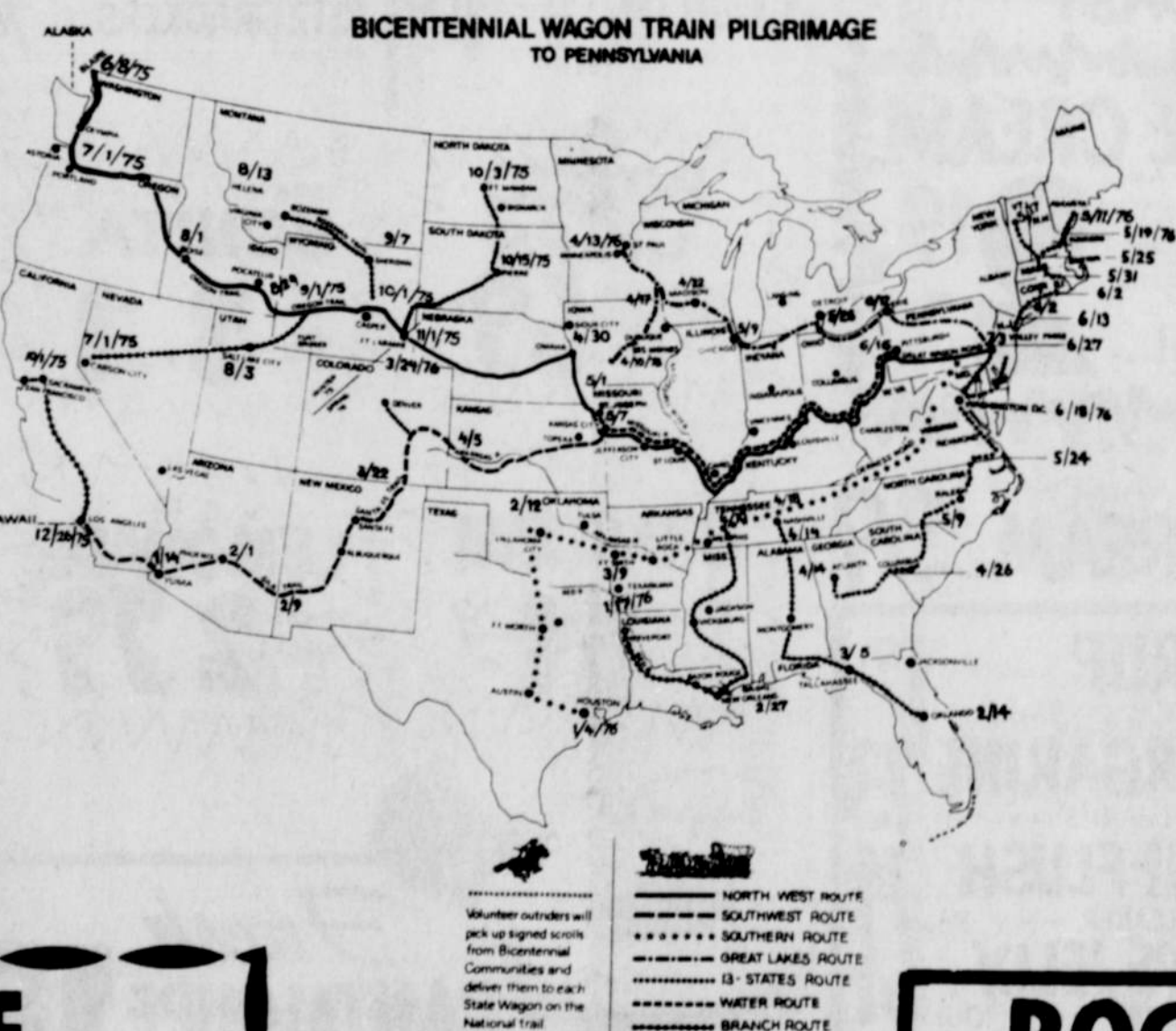
9) Pioneer's present estimated cost, considering present inflationary factors and projected construction-cost increases, is over \$800 million, including transmission facilities and interest during construction. Scrubbers as original equipment would add at least \$80 million and nearly \$10 million would be added if the PUC orders the plant to be built at a different site, thus delaying its completion by at least a year.

10) Idaho Power would require "prompt, frequent and substantial" rate increases to finance Pioneer and it will not start construction unless it has "reasonable assurance" of adequate rates that are necessary to attract investment capital.

Much of the testimony was drawn from Idaho Power's own studies of load growth and generation requirements; site air-quality studies by Stearns-Roger, Inc., Denver, the company's environmental consultant; ecological studies by the College of Idaho; and socio-economic studies by Boise State University. It also included a report on an independent study of customer requirements and generation needs by Stone & Webster Management Consultants, New York City.

Amalgamated Enters Plea

The Amalgamated Sugar Company announced that today in a San Francisco Federal Court five sugar companies, including The Amalgamated Sugar Company, pled *nolo contendere*—that is no contest to misdemeanor charges of violation of antitrust laws. Counsel for the Company state that "The plea of *nolo contendere* is not an admission of guilt." The court action arose out of a San Francisco Grand Jury indictment returned in December 1974. Counsel for Amalgamated said that the Company elected not to contest the charge against it in the indictment because of the enormous cost involved in defending the case. Defense costs would amount to far more than the \$50,000. No individuals were indicted by the Grand Jury.





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