

### December Cited As Greatest Month Of Traffic Hazards

December is the month of greatest danger to pedestrians, and drivers and walkers alike are being urged by Secretary of State Newby to use extra caution to avoid marring the holiday season with needless tragedies.

Newby pointed out that while only 23 percent of Oregon traffic deaths last year were pedestrians, the proportion jumped to 41 percent in December. He cited

### Financial Exhibit Presented By Douglas County Red Cross Chapter

In order that the operations and services of the Douglas County Chapter of the American Red Cross may be better known to the people of the community, the board of directors announces it has decided that regular reports of financial receipts and disbursements will be made hereafter.

The following, taken from an audit of the chapter accounts by the office of Leo F. Young, certified public accountant, Roseburg, shows the expenditures of the contributions received from the people of Douglas County for the purpose of carrying on Red Cross activities in Douglas County. Whereas the fiscal year formerly ended on Feb. 28, to conform to the National AIC operations, the fiscal year was changed to end as of June 30 and beginning July 1, 1948. This accounts for the following report covering a 16-month period.

**Major Items Cited**

An analysis of this report reveals that over \$1,000 was spent for local disaster relief, in connection with the Myrtle Creek flood of last year. The Douglas County Chapter was reimbursed from the National ARC funds for almost the entire amount, just as has been the case in the Red Cross expenditures in connection with Vanport flood in Multnomah County. Almost \$1,500 was spent by the Douglas County Chapter to supplement the Veterans Administration services for such things as refinishing a piano donated by neighboring county Red Cross chapters, providing entertainment, food, presents and other items not available through VA funds, and providing other services and materials to alleviate the hospitalization of the veterans in the Roseburg VA Hospital and speed their recovery toward resumption of normal community living.

Only \$460 was spent on the First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention program. This program is far below the needs of Douglas County and strenuous efforts are being made to expand it. Success will depend upon the extent of the response to the Chapter's call for volunteers to act as instructors.

**Some Funds Repaid**

The Red Cross is primarily concerned in giving services to veterans, servicemen, and their dependents. It will be noted that over \$10,600 has been given in financial assistance. Most of such assistance is given as direct grants but it is worthy of note that over \$870 was repaid.

The securities (Federal Treasury Bonds) on hand June 30, 1948 are now being cashed and will be used for current operations.

A financial report for the first quarter of the current year will be published at an early date. Allen E. Clute, chairman of the Board of Directors, said, when releasing this report, that it is the policy of the Board to meet its obligation to the community by keeping them informed of the manner in which their contributions are used to carry out the Red Cross program in Douglas County. "Douglas County folks have been generous in their support of Red Cross and they are entitled to know where their money goes," said Clute.

AMERICAN RED CROSS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY CHAPTER, ROSEBURG, OREGON  
SUMMARY OF CHAPTER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
March 1, 1947, to June 30, 1948

RECEIPTS	
Contributions for Disasters	\$ 1,292.84
National ARC	1,074.25
Local Chapter	218.59
Junior Red Cross	181.43
Fund campaign contributions 1945-1947	21,239.87
Contributions, other than fund campaigns	877.26
Financial assistance from National ARC	4,609.00
Home service refunds	671.09
Interest and dividends	375.00
Amount withheld for taxes	290.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 30,837.82</b>
Balance on hand March 1, 1947	\$ 15,218.65
Securities	\$ 10,000.00
Cash	\$ 3,218.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,156.27</b>
DISBURSEMENTS	
Home service	\$ 10,811.14
Financial Assistance—Service & Veterans	\$ 8,478.00
Civilian	2,134.47
Case work services	2,992.21
Other expenses	1,919.46
Nursing service	7.40
First aid, water safety and accident prevention	459.94
Junior Red Cross	145.10
Veterans Administration Hospital, Roseburg	1,455.17
Supplies for production	48.17
Disaster relief	1,981.39
Campaign and public information expenses	146.94
General administration	8,457.91
Salaries	2,644.54
Rent, telephone, mileage, supplies and equip.	3,813.29
Remitted to National ARC	3,201.45
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 27,700.14</b>
Balance on hand June 30, 1948	\$ 18,447.15
Securities	\$ 10,000.00
Cash	\$ 8,447.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,156.27</b>

(Signed) LEO F. YOUNG,  
Certified Public Accountant.

longer hours of darkness, rain and poor visibility, streets thronged with holiday shoppers, and more widespread drinking are the principle factors increasing normal traffic dangers.

Vision obscured by armloads of packages or umbrellas held low over the head is another common source of pedestrian mishap, the safety official said.

"It's seldom the car you see that hits you. It's the one you don't see," he reminded.

Newby urged motorists to be

sure all aids to visibility such as windshield wipers, defrosters, and lights, are properly functioning, and to keep speeds well within the safety margin. A few good life-saving reminders for pedestrians are:

1. Don't walk behind or in front of a street car or bus immediately after alighting.
2. Always use crosswalks, safety islands, and other safeguards. Never cross in the middle of the block.
3. Don't depend on the driver seeing you at night. Wear or carry something light-colored to reflect light.
4. Never step into the roadway from between parked cars.
5. If necessary to walk in the roadway, walk on the left side, facing oncoming traffic.
6. After waiting for another car to pass, remember to look the other direction again to be sure the way is still clear.

### Businessman, Two Women Employees Die in Crash

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8—(AP)—A Dayton, O., businessman and two women employees were found dead in the wreckage of their plane near here Monday.

They had been missing since Saturday on a flight from Jamestown, N. Y., to Dayton.

The victims were W. J. Blanchard, 48, general manager of General Motors' aero products division; Miss Vivian Johnson, 29, and Miss Betty Charles, 28, all of Dayton.

### Oregon National Guard Enlistments Stepped Up

PORTLAND, Dec. 8—(AP)—Recruiting for the Oregon National Guard has been stepped up again.

Col. Harold A. Taylor, commander of the 162nd infantry regiment, reports openings for enlisted grades and officers in the 17- to 35-year age group.

### Logging Road Use Dispute Aired At Portland Hearing

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8—(AP)—Determined to hold gains made when the policy on roads and rights-of-way controlling O. & C. timber was broadened last June, the lumber industry's independents in the Umpqua and Rogue basins are looking with keen interest to a public hearing on the road question in the Multnomah County courthouse in Portland.

An appeal to attend and to participate in the hearing has been issued by Joe M. Crahan, president of the Western Forest Industries Association, organization of the independents. Crahan said:

"We urge every logger and lumberman who has ever been prevented from bidding on public timber because of inability to obtain permission to use an existing private road, or to obtain suitable right-of-way, to attend, and to tell his version of how such blocking practices make a joke of equal opportunity and competition."

Crahan said that those who opposed the plan to unblock public timber were "certain to be out in force." He termed the road question "fully as important as the fight against cooperative agreements which we have been waging all year."

The Portland hearing, which has been arranged at the request of the O. & C. Advisory Committee to the Bureau of Land Management, will no doubt bring into the open some sharp differences

of opinion which have developed among the committee members, with the lines drawn rather squarely between the larger operators and the independents.

In effect, the road policy announced last June denies the right to purchase O. & C. timber to those who will not grant to other purchasers of O. & C. timber the use of private roads, or a right of way, for reasonable fees, to take logs to a public road, where such outlet is necessary.

Crahan points out that the larger operators, some of whom

are prospective cooperators in sustained yield cooperative agreements, have openly and bitterly attacked the new road policy.

In wanting to return to the conditions prevailing prior to June, Crahan said the larger operators were "trying to turn the clock back."

"The independents want to go ahead, not back," Crahan said. "We want to restore real competitive conditions to the lumber industry. Everybody will be better off for it."

### Albany Votes \$650,000 Bond Issue for Schools

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 8—(AP)—A \$650,000 bond issue has been approved here by school district electors to finance building three

six-room elementary grade buildings.

The special bond issue vote was 1,084 yes and 165 no.

School officials hope to have the buildings ready for use by opening of school next fall.

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