

BLAME INDUSTRY FOR DEATH TOLL

Dr. Louis I. Dublin Says Automobile is Chief Agent in Accidents.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—Blame for a constantly increasing death toll was laid on the automobile industry by Dr. Louis I. Dublin, chief of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, in an address before the second annual Greater New York safety conference.

Dr. Dublin said the American death toll now approximates 100,000 annually and causes monetary loss of more than a billion dollars.

"The automobile," he said, "is the chief agent in this accidental killing and there seems to be a great deal of complacency about it. Actually, it is a horrible situation which confronts us. Yet we go on and take our punishment when we could be putting a stop to it."

"I throw the challenge directly to the automobile industry, with its millions of dollars and its expert minds which are interested in everything but the human element. It is a dead wrong situation, and it is time someone said this thing. The solution for these everlasting maimings lies with this industry."

Auto manufacturers "foster a dangerous state of mind," Dr. Dublin charged by producing designedly fast automobiles and advertising with emphasis on speed.

RICHFIELD CO. HEAD IS GIVEN RECEIVERSHIP

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 28.—The Richfield Oil company of California, which grew by annexing strikes in a few years from a minor one-city gasoline and oil distributor to one of the major producing and marketing oil corporations in America, recently suffered a severe blow as a direct result of the general fiscal condition, which toppled so many American companies.

Richfield, however, because of its powerful position, the superiority of its products, the general good-will it had built up, and its extremely valuable assets, did not fall under the strain. Instead, thanks to prompt and sane action by those in charge, it enjoyed the appointment of a friendly receiver—not in bankruptcy, but in equity. Illustrative of the court's good will and the widespread belief by creditors and others that Richfield was perfectly solvent and had high potentialities was the fact that Richfield's own president, William C. McDuffie, was named as the receiver in equity.

INTEREST ACTION
NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—Decision of Cities Service company not to extend or renew its offer to purchase its stock for that of Richfield Oil company of California was interpreted in Wall street as indicating success of the effort of Cities Service to acquire working control of Richfield.

Under the terms of the offer, which expired last night, Cities Service exchanged one share of its common stock for four shares of Richfield Oil, up to a total of 500,000 shares of Richfield common.

MAXVILLE PERSONALS

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond (Observer Correspondent)
MAXVILLE, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. Alice Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Alice Paulson, drove over from Portland Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Evers until the next day. On their return they were accompanied by the Evers who visited until Wednesday. Mrs. Evers before her marriage taught school in Promise for a couple of years and has many friends in that neighborhood.

Mrs. W. J. Cummins and daughter, Katherine, who have made their home here since the first of September, returned to their home in Elgin Monday.

W. F. Matthews spent the weekend in La Grande on business.

Miss Elizabeth Huffman spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Huffman. Miss Huffman is a student at the Wallawa High school.

Henry Stoop is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Gordon. Mr. Stoop's home is in Elgin.

Edgar Barton returned from Burns the first of the week. He has been employed in the logging camps in that section since Christmas.

Although somewhat isolated, the families who have spent the winter here have enjoyed themselves. The children have had their flunkytanks and have met once a week at a social gathering with refreshments usually being served. Two quilts were tied at the Robert Baxley home Wednesday evening. The evening ended with a taffy pull.

Income Tax Facts

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Where an automobile is used solely for pleasure, allowable deductions for maintenance and operation in an income-tax return are limited. There may be deducted the cost of the operator's license, license fees, state or local taxes imposed on ownership of the car (personal property tax), and in certain states and the District of Columbia the gasoline tax, where such tax is imposed by law on the consumer rather than the dealer. Following is a list of the states where the tax is deductible by the consumer:

Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

In states where the tax is imposed on the distributor and not the consumer, the distributor may deduct the tax, provided it is not added to or made a part of his business expenses.

If a car is used for both business and pleasure, the deductible expenses should be computed accordingly. For example, if the total expense of operation and maintenance, plus depreciation, for the taxable year amounted to \$800, the car having been used three-fourths of the time for business and the balance for pleasure, the allowable deduction would be \$600.

Australia's Foremost Racer Will Attempt to Lower Speed Record



Norman "Wizard" Smith, Australian speed king, some time in March plans to beat his 1,700 h. p. "Frost II" Special" at Capt. Malcolm Campbell's new auto speed mark of 245 miles an hour over Ninety Mile Beach near Kaitia, New Zealand (shown on map).

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Some time in March—when wind, tidal and other conditions are favorable—Australia's foremost racer, Norman "Wizard" Smith, will attempt to lower the world's auto speed record.

Using a powerful car which has been completed in Sydney, Smith hopes to travel 399 miles per hour in his assault on the new 245 miles an hour mark established this month by Capt. Malcolm Campbell on the sands at Daytona Beach, Florida.

The designer and builder of Smith's car has had the cooperation of the British and Australian governments and many private companies. He is young Don Hawthorne, regarded as Australia's most brilliant internal combustion engineer.

On Ninety Mile Beach, near Kaitia, on the northwest coast of the north island of New Zealand, the attempt will be made. The beach has a perfectly straight runway of 25 miles about 1,000 feet wide at low tide.

The motive power will be supplied by a 12-cylinder, 1,700 h. p. Napier, Schneider cup type, new engine lent to Smith by the British government under a pledge of secrecy.

The general shape of the racer is a complete departure from the accepted idea of a motor car and in some features it resembles the Golden Arrow, in which the late Sir Henry Segrave established a world's land speed record at 213.1 miles an hour.

The streamlined body enables the power of the engine to be devoted to propulsion with as little loss as possible through atmospheric resistance. The fan-shaped arrangement of the engine cylinders in three groups of four, necessitates a peculiar but attractive design in front and the rear extends in the form of a long tapering tail behind the rear wheels. Two vertical fins at the rear act as stabilizers.

Wizard Smith has called the car "the Frost II. Special" as a tribute to the wealthy Sydney oil-bus proprietor, who made the building of the machine possible.

Smith, for ten years, has been Australia's outstanding motorist. For three consecutive years he won every prize offered by the Royal Automobile club of Australia in his home state of New South Wales, and the transcontinental record of Australia stands to his credit.

In his latest attempt special electrical time-keeping devices will be used over a measured mile. Wizard, using a first gear of 100 m. p. h. and a second gear of 200 m. p. h. and a third gear of 300 m. p. h. will run about 4 or 5 miles before reaching the measured mile.

Lives Are Saved In States Where Examine Drivers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Automobile accidents, measured by the records of the last two years, have claimed in each of these years the life of one person in each 3,000, and injured one person in each 123, among the country's population.

States that have laws that provide for the licensing by preliminary examination and test of prospective drivers have experienced a saving under these laws of 25 to 30 per cent in traffic deaths, on the average, as compared with their accident records before adoption of these license laws and compared with the records of the non-licensing states.

Thus, the states which are licensing drivers by examination and test appear to be saving seven lives in each 100,000 of population, and preventing the injury of 230 persons in each 100,000 of population.

Measured in terms of total population, it can be reckoned from the above that, if prospective drivers were licensed by examination and test in all states, the total of lives saved would be 8610, and injuries to 290,000 prevented from traffic accidents alone each year.

In New England and the North-eastern seaboard states, and in California and Arizona, where prospective drivers are licensed by examination and test, the increase in the traffic death rate is lower as compared with that in all of the states.

Active campaigns are in progress in a number of states to bring about the enactment of drivers' license measures with examination and test features in conformity with the standard uniform license act of the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety. These states are Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

The national conference has recommended to the states the enactment of a uniform law covering the licensing of all new motor vehicle drivers by examination as to traffic rules and regulations, essentials of physical condition such as eye-sight, and demonstrations of ability to drive and control an automobile under normal traffic conditions.

Argentina Bars 'Open Door' To Alien Workers

By T. E. Garrett (Observer Correspondent)
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, which has been receiving more immigrants than the United States, has closed her open door until it is barely ajar.

Consults have been instructed to discontinue would-be immigrants, and fees on passports of those people have been increased ten-fold. Tourists, however, are not affected.

The government also has opened an office which grants free passage homeward to newcomers who have been unable to find work in this country. From the start more than 1,000 applicants for the tickets appeared daily, and about 700 received them.

Those repatriated were mostly Poles, Czechs, Italians, Greeks, Turks and Syrians. Persons who speak the language of the majority were barred from the ticket line and this prevented many Spaniards from getting a free trip to their old homes.

In the five years from 1925 to 1929 inclusive, the arrivals averaged more than 350,000 a year. But departures kept the net increase under 100,000.

Nevertheless, census figures show that the population of Argentina doubles itself every 25 years. It is now between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000.

Hitherto immigrants have been welcomed by liberal laws. The newcomer was the guest of the nation for his first three days in the country, then could get a farm under liberal homestead laws. If need be, he could even get seed for planting his first crop.

AMERICAN INK PUTS MARK ON AUSTRALIAN POLITICS
MELBOURNE (AP)—The disclosure that American waterproof ink was used in preference to domestic or British inks to inscribe the names of Australian soldiers at the war memorial here, has created a mild political storm.

Councillor, Lutton, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, replying to critics, said American ink was superior to all others and was used because the inscriptions were to last as long as possible.

SWEDISH LIGHTNING COSTLY
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Property valued at \$250,000 is destroyed each year in Sweden by fires engendered by lightning, say official figures.

NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

By Mrs. C. J. Law (Observer Correspondent)
NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special)—Dick Williams is putting up a building 60 feet by 16 feet at his service station. He will have a greasing room, wash room, battery and tire room and a utility room. Mr. Williams is also making other improvements at the station.

Charles Hutchinson, who has been in Eugene with his family since the first of December, returned home Saturday.

Those who shipped stock to the Portland market Saturday were: William Coughanour, one car cattle; John Davis, one car cattle; L. M. Clement, one mixed car cattle and beef; Lewis Jacobson, shipped one double deck car of sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett and children drove to Prairie City Friday and visited Mrs. Barnett's mother, Mrs. Oren Stephenson. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Earl O. Bryant had dental work done in La Grande Saturday when returning home the car skidded off the road and upset. Mrs. O'Bryant received only minor scratches, one window was broken out of the car and small damage done otherwise.

Miss Margaret county health nurse of Union county, was a visitor here Monday.

F. R. Enright, of Baker, auditor of the E. O. L. & P. Co., was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Monday morning the school gave a program in honor of Washington's birthday. School was then dismissed for the day. The program was as follows: flag pledge, by school; America and Oregon, song by school; recitation, "The Faith of Washington," Susan Pearson; recitation, "Don't," Kenneth Keeney; song, Betty Ballard, LeVonne Walk, Cleo Jacobs; essay, "Life of Washington," Vera Gorham; recitation, "The New Hatchet," Violet Oliver; song, glee club; recitation, Washington's Birthday, Juanity Cavender; playlet, "The Little Cherry Tree," pupils from third and fourth grades; piano solo, Dorothy Savage; recitation, Washington, pupils from third and fourth grades; essay, Washington, Jack Metcalf; song, "Yankee Doodle," by school. The school has received a new flag for the flag pole.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dalton and daughter, La Vell, are visiting here this week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pearson and Mrs. Alva Watson were business visitors in Halfway Wednesday.

Charles Dooley is confined to his home with plural pneumonia.

John Barker, who is a patient at the St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker, is improving and expects to come home Saturday.

Mrs. Abe Blevins has 103 baby chicks which she just received from Portland. This is the first shipment of baby chicks here this year.

Friday night, Feb. 20, Powder High boys and girls basketball teams defeated the Elgin High boys and girls. The games being played here. The score was, Powder boys, 42, Elgin boys, 20; Powder girls, 17, Elgin girls, 13. Wednesday night the local girls were defeated by the Union girls score, 14 to 13, the game being played at Union. The Powder girls have played 11 games this year and were defeated three times. The eighth grade boys were defeated by the Haines boys last Friday afternoon by a score of 10 to 7, the game being played on the local floor.

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their regular meeting Tuesday evening. Following the order of business the North Powder band came up and furnished music during the evening. Guests were Mrs. Raymond Decker, of Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kleinfelter. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. George Ballard left Saturday for Seattle to visit her daughter, Marion.

Mrs. James Higgs returned home Tuesday from a week's visit at Wedderburn. Two inches of snow fell in this section Sunday night but melted Monday. It has been stormy all this week but the snow melts as soon as it falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McKean and daughter, Vernice, Mrs. George Craighead and daughter, Marjorie, drove to Bonita, Ore., and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed.

Miss Doris Neptune and Miss Vivian Johnston spent Monday afternoon in Baker.

Billie Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson, is a patient at Hot Lake. He is suffering a relapse from chicken pox.

Mrs. Raymond Decker, of Baker, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, this week.

Mrs. Artie Jones spent last week in Pendleton visiting her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Sloan.

also had a very interesting program of music readings and games. All of the members of the Epworth League cabinet were present at the business and social meeting held at the Wardell home Thursday evening. The young folks are planning for several interesting week day events to take place in the near future.

WHITE PLAGUE IN FRANCE
PARIS (AP)—Deaths from tuberculosis

also total about 100,000 per year. France, the chamber of deputies told when the public health bill was presented. More free beds are needed.

Some 10,000 trees of a douglas fir will be planted in the park of Amarillo, Tex., during All Paris, Mo., harbor show reduced prices to prewar levels, hair cuts 25 cents.

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