

AUTOMOBILE NEWS of the WEEK

NEW MOTOR LAWS GO INTO EFFECT

Oregon Drivers Facing Changes on June 6 Due to Legislative Action.

SALEM, Mar. 21 (Special)—New laws affecting motor vehicle operation will go into effect on June 6, which is the end of the constitutional 90-day period following the close of the legislative session. Exceptions are the law on the examination of drivers, which will become effective on the first of July, and the formation of the state police, effective on the first of August.

The principal changes in the rules of the road, effective in June, are now in the form of regulations; the change in the arm signaling system, and the right-of-way privileges at intersections. "All of these changes are important," says Secretary of State Hal Hoss, "and from time to time it will be the purpose of my office to send out information to the public covering each of these specific phases of the new laws."

Cab Driver Wins Unpaid For Car By High Finance

PANAMA CITY (AP)—Mario Alvarado has proved himself a financial wizard among taxi drivers. He bought an automobile, couldn't pay for it, still has the car and the agency must pay him.

Last May Alvarado selected a new sedan for \$240. He paid \$400 down and traded in his old car for \$380. He paid two later installments for \$125 and \$85, then fell into arrears.

The selling agents took the car and Alvarado haled them into court. He won a complete victory.

In the first place the court ruled, the old car about there having been no real sale—only a trade contract—would not go at all. Who, the judge asked would be so foolish as to rent a car for the regular sale price?

Next the court called in appraisers to consider Alvarado's claim for \$10 a day while he was deprived of the use of his means of livelihood. They finally settled on \$5 a day for 360 days—a total of \$1,800—for the company to pay the driver.

The court further ordered that the car be returned to Alvarado.

Hence the taxi man's enforced idleness of nearly nine months more than paid the balance on the purchase price.

No Special Auto Numbers In 1931

SALEM, Mar. 21 (AP)—Requests for special automobile license numbers will not be recognized this year by the automobile department, it was announced through the secretary of state's office by Carl D. Gabrielson, supervisor of the license department.

However, the practice of drawing for the first 1,000 numbers among those first received, will be continued this year. New license are due July 1.

"In the past," Gabrielson said, "the matter of granting special license numbers to applicants has interfered with the routine of the office to the extent that a decision has been reached that no special numbers will be issued. The order effective on this matter was issued by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state." No exceptions to this rule will be permitted.

Two Boys Confess Attempted Holdup

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Sheriff V. T. Jackson said yesterday that Alfred Le May, 17, and Lawrence O'Hare, 21, arrested here Thursday on a charge of attempting to steal gasoline, have confessed to an attempt to hold up Mrs. George Melzer and Mrs. Elizabeth Conroy last Wednesday night.

The women were halted on their way home from lodge by a man who jumped out of a passing car, flourished a pistol and demanded their purses. They ran and the man became frightened and fled.

Astoria Assistant Postmaster Missing

ASTORIA, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—A search was being made yesterday for H. P. Peacock, assistant postmaster of Astoria, who failed to appear at his office. He was last seen driving toward the eastern limits of the city after purchasing supplies at a small grocery store.

It was said at his bank that he drew several hundred dollars from his personal account early Thursday.

Federal postoffice inspectors were here Thursday to make the annual audit, the first since last May.

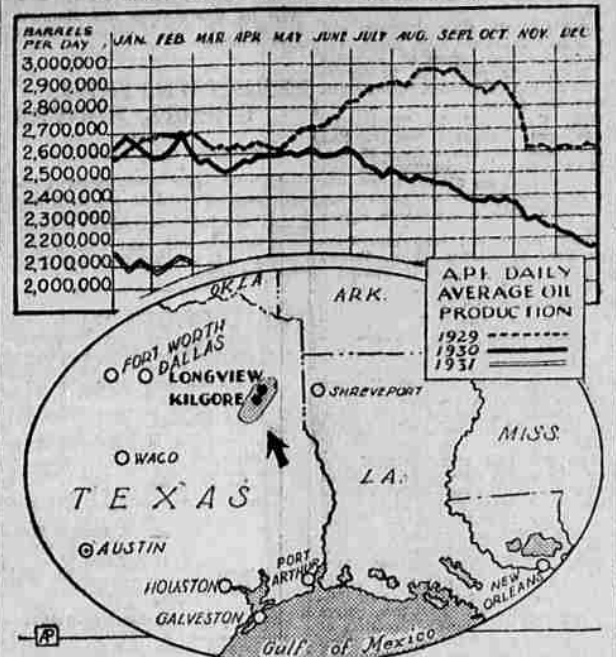
Neither Postmaster Halderman nor federal inspectors would comment on the disappearance.

Peacock has a wife and three children and has been in the postal service 25 years, and assistant postmaster for ten years.

"You'll pardon me for harking in," as the bill said to the treasurer.

—Senora Francisca P. de Lopez of San Antonio, Tex., 103 years old, still supports herself by doing needlework.

Oil Skies Clouded by Texas Pool; Industry Tries to Steady Market



The new oil field in East Texas, where Longview and Kilgore are two of the boom towns, is shown in map. Below the chart made from American Petroleum Institute estimates show how the nation's daily oil production rose to 2,973,000 barrels for the week ending August 30, 1930, and dropped to nearly 2,100,000 for week ending March 1, 1931.

By E. R. Butler
NEW YORK (AP)—Just when skies were beginning to brighten, a new dark cloud looms for the American oil industry.

The cloud is the new flush pool in Northeast Texas. It may shower a load of grief on the already troubled petroleum market, or it may pass in the night. The damage wrought will depend on production.

A potential market-breaker is what oil men call this new field in Ruak and Gregg counties. Production started only with the new year, but development has been rapid and, already the pool gives promise of being a most important one.

Output Jumps Fast
That production in the new field is increasing rapidly is shown in weekly output reports. For the week ending January 17, the field's daily average production was 2,750 barrels.

For the week ending February 21 it was 25,000 barrels, and the last week in February the daily average was 33,900 barrels.

The field, estimated at 35 miles long and five miles wide, is situated so connection could easily be made with pipelines to gulf coast refineries.

Prior to its opening indications pointed to brighter days ahead for the oil industry. Total petroleum production in the United States in 1930 was cut 110,000,000 barrels from 1929, the production being 1,700,000,000 barrels in 1929 against 898,000,000 barrels last year.

Washington Dairy Men Credit Papers

SEATTLE, Mar. 21 (AP)—Successful progress of a newspaper advertising campaign begun last fall by 60,000 Washington dairymen through the Washington Dairy Products Bureau was related to 2,000 persons, representing dairy interests and their families, in the civic auditorium Thursday night.

The bureau was organized last fall and a fund of \$60,000 raised to advertise the dairy products. The campaign of the bureau, asserted "already noticeable results are apparent in increased consumption of dairy products."

Dr. Prior declared, "Newspaper advertising has been the backbone of the entire campaign and papers of the state of Washington have cooperated in this movement and should be extended considerable credit for the success of this campaign."

He said the dairy industry in the state owns animals worth \$34,690,000 and last year dairy farmers produced 1,708,030,403 pounds of milk, valued at \$47,905,219.

ARMY PILOT KILLED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 (AP)—Lieut. August G. Rehmeyer, 39, Alameda, Cal., army reserve corps pilot, was killed today when his plane crashed at Mather field, near Sacramento, officers at the presidio here were advised. The plane, of the observation type, was demolished.

Policeman Is Fired For Drunk Driving

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Charged with hit-and-run driving, Patrolman George W. Russell was suspended yesterday from the Portland police force. Chief L. V. Jenkins charged him with being intoxicated on duty, conduct unbecoming an officer, and insubordination.

The charges followed an accident last night in which two women and a child were injured when their car and a city-owned machine driven by Russell, collided.

The women testified Russell sped away without stopping to give his name or render assistance.

Many Accidents May Be Avoided, Statistics Show

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 21—Statistics show beyond question that a considerable part of the accidents of motor vehicles can be avoided, and that the mechanism of the driver's license law sponsored by the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety, with the mandatory examination and driving test for prospective vehicle operators, goes far in heading off the elements of carelessness and recklessness.

The law provides for depriving licenses to those who are not mentally or morally equipped to drive an automobile with care and safety, or who under its enforcement are found incompetent as drivers.

Some of the chief advantages of the law are:

1. Its tendency and effect has been to reduce accidents and injuries, and to save lives.
2. It puts a premium on competence and skill in driving, and provides an effective means for removing the incompetent, dangerous or accident breeding driver from the roads.
3. It removes the menace of the person who is too lazy or ignorant to learn the necessary English or become familiar with traffic rules, regulations and safety precautions.
4. It provides the police authorities with a check-up in case of accident, and a permanent record of each holder of a license.
5. It assists in a scientific study of the causes of accidents, whether attributable to mechanical failure, engineering defects in streets and roads, or human negligence or carelessness.
6. It promotes an orderly state-wide control of transportation and uniform supervision of vehicle operators.

In New York state drivers are licensed by gradual steps. First, there is the learners' permit, with which the applicant can operate a vehicle, accompanied by an approved instructor. Then comes the examination, covering the minimum eyesight requirements for safe driving, physical condition as to whether paralyzed or otherwise incapacitated, reasonable knowledge of traffic rules and regulations, and ability to read and interpret signs and markers in the English language.

This is followed by a driving test, in which the applicant operates his automobile on streets carrying normal traffic and accompanied only by a traffic officer.

Fully 25 per cent of the applicants in New York state fail on the first attempt to pass the examination. About the same number fail on the first attempt in Pennsylvania, and a similar number in the District of Columbia. Those who fail at first generally apply themselves to learning the rules of the road or improving their driving ability and only one to three per cent finally fail to pass the examination. The mandatory examination thus not only eliminates this small percentage of unsafe or incompetent drivers but exercises a great educational influence upon the ninety-seven to ninety-nine per cent who pass.

In the states in which the prospective drivers are carefully examined, the examiners for the state take pride in the drivers they have passed, once they are permitted to go on the roads alone, and each examiner manifests a desire to hold down the list of those drivers he has passed whose licenses are suspended or revoked later.

Reports State Ford to Change 'F. O. B. Detroit'

NEW YORK, Mar. 21 (AP)—The publication of "Steel" says it is reported on apparently authoritative basis that the Ford Motor company is planning to abandon F. O. B. Detroit as its method of quoting and listing prices of all important distributing centers. Under the proposed plan, the base price of model A would be identical at all important distributing points. This new base—quoting Ford's F. O. B. delivered point instead of F. O. B. Detroit—would virtually eliminate all of the freight now added to the present Detroit base. The effect on the buyer, "Steel" says, would be a substantial reduction in the actual purchase price.

Prepare to Hang J. E. Kingsley for Killing Officer

SALEM, Mar. 21 (AP)—Preparations were under way yesterday at the state penitentiary for the execution of James E. Kingsley on the morning of April 3. Kingsley was sentenced to hang for the murder of Sam Prescott, Ashland police officer, who was slain January 24 of this year when he stopped Kingsley to question him concerning the car he was driving.

The execution, the first in several years at the Oregon prison, will take place at 8:30 in the morning, a week from Friday, unless the motion for an appeal of the case is granted. The application was made in the Jackson county circuit court March 5, but no action has yet been taken. Invitations to witness the execution were issued yesterday to members of the press and several others who desired to be present.

Kingsley was received at the penitentiary the day he was sentenced to death by Judge H. D. Norton, February 10. He was placed in the death cell, and a screen barricade has been constructed around the cell to keep other prisoners from talking to him or hearing his wail.

Kingsley has not smiled since he entered the penitentiary, officials say, and for a time would not talk. Of late he has made conversation with the wardens, but no trace of animation is evidenced in his face. He states he is unable to sleep nights, so reads and plays solitaire until the early morning hours. He sleeps most of the time during the day. He is not disturbed by prison officials, who grant him every request possible. He is served the best of food.

SUSPEND POWER TARIFFS

SALEM, Mar. 21 (AP)—The commissioner of public utilities office yesterday announced the suspension of the tariffs of the Portland Electric company and the Northwestern Electric company of Portland, because of placing into effect new power factor limitations. The suspension is for 90 days to permit investigation and hearings.

STRANAHAN APPOINTED

SALEM, Mar. 21 (AP)—James E. Stranahan was appointed justice of the peace for the Hood River district yesterday by Governor Julius L. Meier. The appointment fills an existing vacancy since the last election.

Arrest New Suspect In Brooks Mystery

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Mar. 21 (AP)—That Virginia Brooks, 10-year-old East Gate Diego school girl, whose mutilated body was found on Camp Kearny Mesa, twelve days ago, met death at the hands of a party or parties unknown, was the verdict of a coroner's jury yesterday.

The testimony did not develop any facts not already known to the authorities.

Don Paul, age about 45 years and said to be a cabbage dealer, was arrested by police and deputy sheriffs yesterday after he was alleged to have attacked a 10-year-old girl in his home at thirty-second and Island avenue.

Police officials, as soon as Paul arrived at headquarters, began to question him for possible connection with the slaying of the Brooks girl.

Captain Dollar Is Now Eighty-Seven

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21 (AP)—Eighty-seven years young, and with an outlook on the future as "bright as a dollar," Captain Robert Dollar, dean of Pacific Coast shipping men, observed his birthday yesterday by practicing his oft-expressed advice.

He found time, however, to greet a host of well wishers and topped off the day by celebrating not only his own eightieth birthday but also the fiftieth anniversary of the California Y. M. C. A.

"Hard work and hopeful heart are two important aids to success," Captain Dollar asserted. "Years mean nothing; it's ambition that keeps the heart young."

"Youth has much more offered it today than when I was a youngster," he said. "Indifference and inattention are making the world a much easier place in which to live. Get married early, stick to your job and you'll get ahead."

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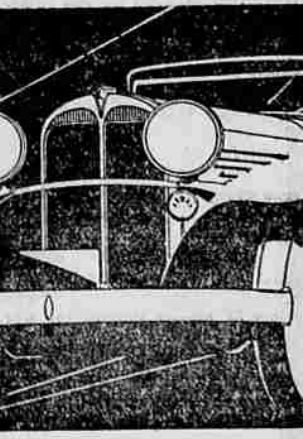
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