

AUTOMOBILE NEWS of the WEEK

RESPONSIBILITY ON THE DRIVER

Safety, Not Speed is the Question—New Law is Explained.

SALEM, Ore., April 11 (Special)—Forty-five miles an hour on the open highway, and even if you drive a little faster, you won't need to have that guilty feeling of violating the law.

Oregon's new highway speed code virtually takes the limit in miles per hour off the motorist and puts the responsibility for the safe operation of his vehicle strictly up to him. The basic rule of the regulation calls for the prudent operation of a motor vehicle in these words:

"Sec. 20—No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to the traffic surface and width of the highway and the hazard at intersections and any other conditions then existing."

"The law further provides," says Secretary of State Hal E. Hosk, "that no person shall drive at a speed which is greater than will permit the driver to exercise proper control of the vehicle, and to decrease speed or stop to avoid collision."

Certain indicated speeds are established in the new law, not as limits in any sense, but as measuring sticks upon which to establish responsibility. The only difference between the responsibility of a driver involved in an accident at a speed less than those indicated and one who is going faster, are that the penalties are much more severe in the latter case. In other words, when you go faster than the indicated speeds you are not breaking the law, but you are building up a case against yourself in even anything should happen. The answer to the question is, that in driving at the higher speeds, one should be extraordinarily careful, and at all times and at all speeds, to be certain of conformity to the basic rule of "reasonable and prudent" operation of your vehicle.

Safe Speeds Indicated
The indicated speeds are as follows: Open highways, 45 miles per hour; residence districts, public parks and at grade crossings where view is clear, 25 miles; in business districts and when approaching highway intersections, 20 miles; passing schools during recess or when children are going to or from school, and approaching grade crossings with obstructed view, 15 miles per hour.

Drivers of slow moving vehicles are required by the new law to let vehicles behind them pass at normal speeds, by drawing over to one side of the road.

A motor bus may travel at a speed not in excess of 45 miles an hour, pneumatic tired trucks not in excess of 35 miles, and solid tired trucks at from 12 to 25 miles per hour according to the width of its tires. Metal tired vehicles may operate at from 6 to 10 miles an hour, according to total weight.

Hoover Given First Salmon From Bangor

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—President Hoover will eat the first salmon to be taken from the Bangor pool at Bangor, Maine.

Dr. George Otis Smith, a native of Maine, presented the big fish to President Hoover yesterday.

Last year the first salmon taken from the pool was sent to President

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Power Company Asks A California Site

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—An application for a preliminary permit on a California site was filed with the federal power commission here Thursday by Charles Keller, representing the California-Oregon Power company.

The company originally had planned to construct a \$4,000,000 unit on the Grant site on the Klamath river.

The new site is at Irongate, six miles below Copco and about 10 miles east of Hornbrook. Plans call for development of about 30,000 horsepower at this unit.

The company will have three years to make a survey and seek a license, if and when the application is granted.

LONGWORTH'S SISTER
PARIS, April 11 (AP)—The Countess Clara Longworth de Chambrun, sister of Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives who died Thursday, cabled friends in Paris that she was leaving Tunis by plane and would take the Ile De France at Cherbourg next Wednesday for the United States.

Counties Share In Proceeds Of Motor Car Fund

SALEM, April 11 (AP)—About \$60,000 will be distributed to the 36 counties of the state from the motor vehicle and motor transportation funds as their share in the proceeds of the first quarter receipts to these two funds. The state retains about \$130,000 for operation of these departments.

Counties receive one-third share of the motor vehicle fund, which include receipts from automobile licenses, and one-fourth share of the motor transportation fund, including fees of trucks and carriers. Of the motor vehicle fund the state retains \$90,947.50 and distributes \$45,473.75 to counties. Of the other fund the counties receive \$13,304 and the state \$39,913.

Multnomah county led in vehicle license receipts with more than \$53,000. It is followed by Marion with \$7,347, Lane with \$7,201, Klamath with \$6,578, Jackson with \$5,358, Clackamas \$4,969, Coos \$4,906, Umatilla \$3,449, Malheur \$3,141 and Washington \$3,045. Jefferson county reported the least with \$199.

Japanese Cabinet Decides to Resign

TOKYO, April 11 (AP)—The cabinet at a meeting yesterday decided to resign as soon as they settled the question of a successor to Premier Hamaguchi, who is lying seriously ill after an operation.

The cabinet apparently wishes to maintain the status quo for a time. A newspaper report, not confirmed, said that the War Minister General Ugaki, already had tendered his resignation.

Reduce Interest on Portland's Loans

PORTLAND, April 11 (AP)—The city treasurer was advised yesterday that banks loaning money to the municipality have agreed to reduce the interest rate from 6 to 5 per cent. This will save the city from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, the treasurer said.

At the last session of the council Portland was authorized to borrow up to \$2,000,000 to meet city expenses until tax receipts are available.

Web-Footed Boat Also Skims Along on

This unique auto-boat, with "web feet" like a duck, can skim along the water at 25 miles per hour and on land at 40 miles per hour. Peter Frell of Union City, N. J., is shown bringing the craft out of the water after a trial on the Hudson river near New York City.

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