

Registered Autos Reach New High For Oregon

One automobile to every three persons by the close of the present registration year will be the record of Oregon if the present rate of increase continues, according to a statement released by Earl Snell, secretary of state.

It is anticipated that registrations during 1937 will smash all previous records of motor vehicle registration. Such predictions are based on records made during the first three months of the year, which shows 292,854 motor vehicles registered, an increase of approximately 10 per cent over 1936.

Healthy activity in the motor vehicle business is indicated also by the increase in the number of car titles issued. During the period 66,133 certificates of title were recorded, an increase of 3,184 over the previous year, representing an average of over 800 titles per day.

During the quarter, Mr. Snell's office handled 395,606 vehicle transactions and \$2,075,507.78 in fees. Receipts from motor vehicle fees as well as gas tax receipts are turned over periodically to the state highway commission.

Tindall Accepts Pastorate in a Seattle Church

Rev. and Mrs. Tindall, who left Thursday to make their home in Seattle, where Rev. Tindall has accepted a pastorate, were honored Monday night at the close of prayer meeting at the Nazarene church with a social fellowship hour. They were presented with two fine blankets and the Sunday school gave them a handkerchief shower. Later in the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Clarence Longpa and Mrs. Sam Warren.

Rev. Tindall had been pastor of the Nazarene church for the past two years and his host of friends and parishoners wished him success in the new field of labor to which he and Mrs. Tindall go.



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Winner In Essay Contest

By MARIE GILHAM

Sophomore, C. G. High School. The effects of alcohol on the user may be shown by noting the physical, mental and moral effects of it. There is definite proof that intoxication produces undesirable effects in each of these three ways. The word "intoxication" means "poisoning." It comes from the Greek word meaning originally the poison in which arrows were dipped. And this word "intoxication" applies to all degrees of the effects of alcohol.

The old idea that alcohol was a stimulant to heart and brain and vital activities has been "abandoned by rational medicine," although it still lingers in popular belief. Alcohol is essentially a narcotic, and as such is now recognized in all text-books, although the word "stimulant," by force of habit and common usage, still creeps into popular language. As a narcotic, alcohol tends from first to last to numb, disorder, and paralyze the higher levels and centres of the brain—those levels which are the last to be developed and through which the mind is able to express its power of intelligent judgment and self-critical discrimination and control. The direct effect of alcohol upon the nervous system is, in all stages, to depress or suspend its functions.

In some states, there are laws which prohibit the sale of intoxicants during the hours that the polls are open. These laws apply to both on- and off-the-premises consumption.

Another good example of the effects of alcohol on the user is given by Judge M. Brade of the Chicago Board of Court who said: "Approximately thirty per cent of the young fellows brought into court are there because they committed misdemeanors while under the influence of liquor."

Fine shades of self-control might be lost without any apparent signs of alcoholic intoxication. The first effect of alcohol is on the higher centres, and is subjective; and even if no objective symptoms occur, the subjective effect of alcohol may be sufficient to make it unsafe for an individual to be in a responsible position—for example in charge of a mechanically propelled vehicle. "For safety we want dry drivers as well as dry roads." We must make out highways safe.

Chief E. Raymond Cato of the California Highway was asked the question, "Can a motorist drive in safety after drinking a glass of beer?" The answer of this nationally known traffic chieftain was a non-evasive declaration.

"Scientists have investigated this question," he said. "Their decision reveals that even a glass of beer has the effect of retarding the driver's speed in putting on the brakes when forced to make an emergency stop or turn," as much as a half a second. It has been demonstrated. There is great peril caused by the drivers who "with a few mild drinks get all hopped up and exhilarated and take more chances than otherwise," and by the intoxicated pedestrians who are as real a problem as the drinking motorist.

Drink also interferes with the work of factory laborers. It was discovered that safety engineers of automobile industries have submitted to state police the statistics showing a rising toll of industrial accidents as a result of non-hour beer-drinking near plants. Many of them when they return to the plant begin to feel "woozy." Their skill deserts them momentarily and a machine takes off a finger. Yes, instead of being "bracers," alcoholic drinks are now shown actually to dull mental processes and slow down muscular responses. The effect of alcohol upon the brain and nerve cells was directly responsible for 101 in every 1,000 persons who entered the hospitals for the insane in 1910.

The man who chooses drink instead of sobriety often makes himself a weak link in social morality.

Judge F. H. Taft of the Los Angeles Superior Court said some years ago: "The part liquor plays in the homes is contributing to juvenile delinquency is hydra-headed. It unfits or tends to unfits the user as a parent to maintain family discipline, often leads directly to poverty, want and serious family dissensions."

Dr. E. Kraepelin says: "Indulgence in alcohol, even in very quantities, weakens the power of resisting temptations. Nobody sits down to get drunk; but under the influence of the first few glasses, self-control is more and more completely lost."

Self-control puts a man in possession of himself and enables him to use all his reserves, all his opportunities to the full. It is a positive, not a negative quality. Its motive is the highest and noblest self-expression. Abstinence from alcoholic drinks is not a form of self-denial. It is a door to the highest form of personal liberty.

The effect of alcohol in reducing "fitness" is not confined to direct injuries on body tissue. It also attacks the body's natural defenses against infectious diseases caused by germs. Hence alcohol makes the drinker more susceptible to pneumonia, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, and other germ diseases, and less likely to respond well to treatment.

Insurance experience has found that, as a group, insured drinkers, even though they may have been apparently healthy when accepted, have shorter lives than the average insured man.

Hence it is that, in view of the bitter tragedies of drink, and in the light of the most recent scientific evidence, knowing that the fullness of life is possible without alcohol, I think everyone owes it to themselves and to the people around them to abstain from the use of alcoholic drinks and to oppose the use of such drinks by anyone else.

Thornton Corners

Mrs. J. W. Fisher.

Mrs. Mary Mackey of Walker was a visitor Tuesday of last week of Mrs. Roy Crane.

Melvin Tonole attended a F.F.A. convention in Corvallis last week end.

Mrs. T. H. William was called to Roseburg Monday by the serious illness of a brother, Ed Jones. Mr. Jones, a number of years ago, was postmaster of the Cottage Grove postoffice and is well known in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tonole and baby of Eugene spent the week end at the home of Mr. Tonole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tonole.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher accompanied Mrs. Jean Long of Cottage Grove to Eugene Thursday evening to a church service at the Lighthouse temple. Mrs. E. R. Lemley, Mrs. Jessie Wright and Fred Frost, all of Cottage Grove also accompanied Mrs. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lattie and daughter of Oregon City were dinner guests Sunday at the R. B. Dixon home. They also visited Mrs. Lattie's aunt, Mrs. Henry Lake.

Louie Premazzi returned Sunday to the Eugene hospital for treatment for a knee which he injured last fall while employed at Culp Creek and which has kept him confined at home since the injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frazette of Yoncalla have purchased the Hugh Graham place and have moved there the past week.

Miss Luella Wallace of Dorena is staying with Mrs. John William while attending school in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Edna Raymond is visiting a son Curtis up the McKenzie.

Mrs. Bert Myers and Mrs. Douglas Castle of Blue Mountain were visitors one day last week at the Henry Lake home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Miller and son of Mount View and the Ray Myers family of Delight valley were visitors Sunday at the Henry Lake home.

Philip Lake spent the week end at Scottsburg with Joe Smith of Cottage Grove.

Leneve Simkins Wins Noteworthy Honors at O. S. C.

Miss Leneve Simkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Simkins, and a senior in secretarial science at Oregon State college, has been twice honored this year as an outstanding student on the campus. She has been awarded both the Sigma Delta Chi trophy for news-writing and the Theta Sigma Phi cup for feature writing. It is the first time any student has won both honors. She received the first award as the most proficient beginning journalism student during the winter term, having 466 inches of news published to her credit. It exceeded by 100 inches more than any other beginning student had turned in. Her string contained articles covering everything from childish college boys skating on the new sidewalks of the Memorial Union quadrangle to the more important stories covering the term's lyceum programs.

Miss Simkins is especially interested in feature writing and makes interesting reading about most everything and anything she sees or hears. After graduation next winter she hopes to get a really worth while secretarial position which will be a stepping stone to the bigger field of writing which she plans to make her life work.

Prior to coming to Cottage Grove Miss Simkins had resided for 10 years in Medford where she attended schools. She is a graduate of the Medford school.

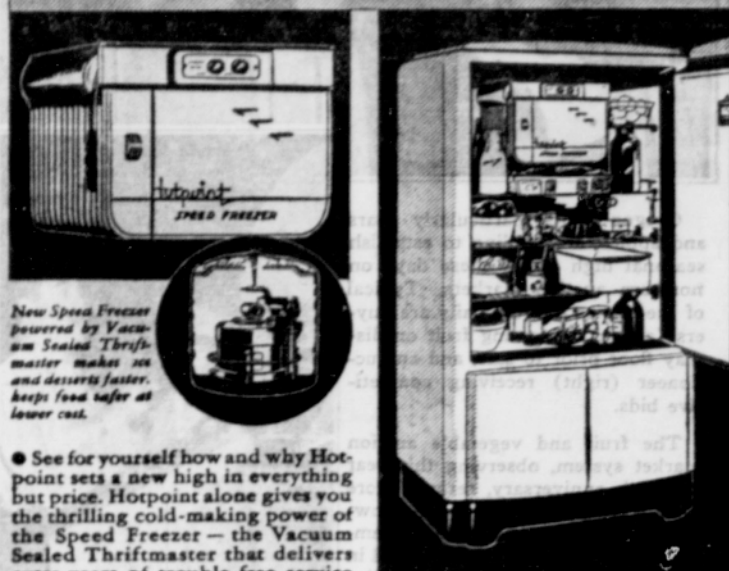
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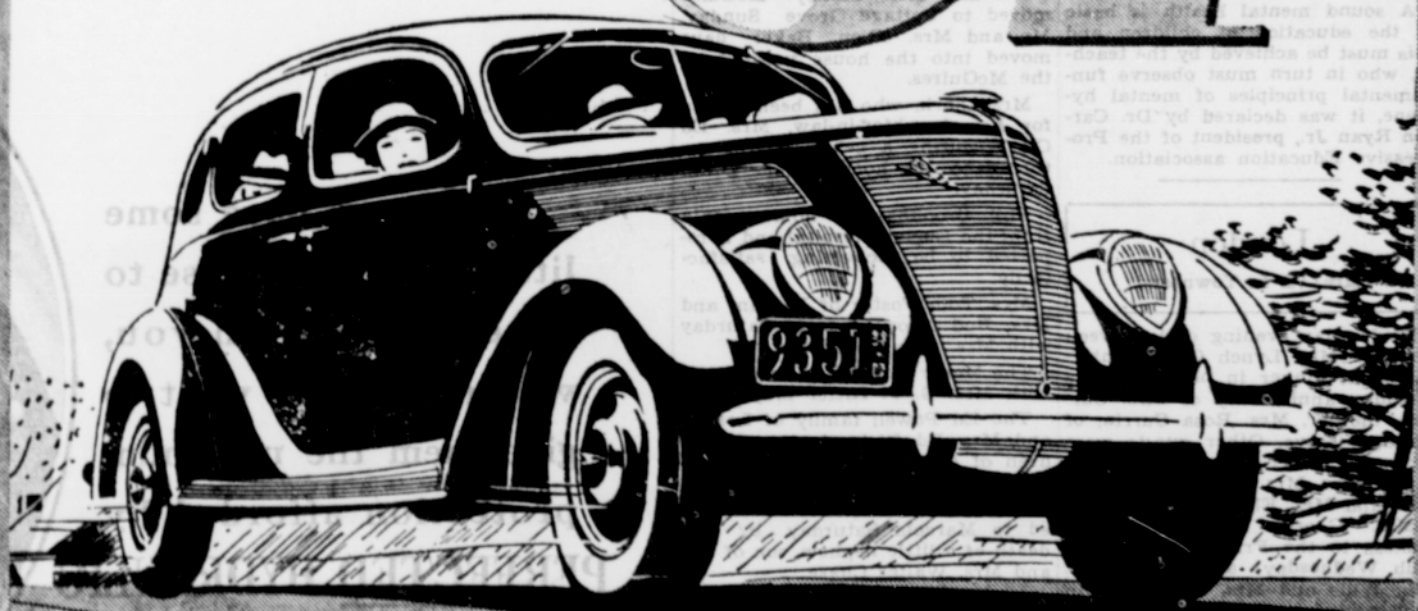
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