

Safety Drive for Elderly Pedestrian

Safety councils, civic organizations, lodges, churches and others were invited to participate in a state-wide drive launched by Earl Snell, secretary of state, for the purpose of making highways and streets of Oregon safer for the elderly pedestrian today.

"One of the greatest problems in any traffic safety program today is the toll of injury and death involving elderly pedestrians," Mr. Snell said, as he urged widespread participation in the campaign to reduce this type of accident. "National as well as state figures show that accidents of this classification constitute a black spot on any traffic safety map. They must be eliminated."

During the year 1938 a total of 97 pedestrians met death on Oregon's streets and highways and of this total 54 percent were approximately 60 years of age or over, figures compiled by the safety division of the secretary of state's official reveal.

This trend is being continued in 1939 when for the first three months, 64 percent of pedestrians killed were in this age classification. The tendency for elderly persons to be involved in pedestrian accidents is shown by the fact that, according to the last federal census, persons of 65 or over constituted 7.1 percent of the total population while during 1938 persons in this age classification constituted 10 percent of the total pedestrians involved in traffic accidents, Mr. Snell said.

A study of pedestrian accidents shows that street intersections are the most likely spot for them to occur. Thirty-one percent of such accidents occurred at intersections during 1938 and for the first three months of 1939 there have been 137 pedestrian accidents at intersections.

A major phase of the campaign will be to stress the value of caution, common sense and ordinary good manners on the part of both pedestrians and motorists at intersections and other spots where these accidents occur, Snell declared. Motorists are inclined to feel that pedestrians are a nuisance and a hazard to traffic while pedestrians frequently think the motorist is a traffic bully who roars through the streets without any thought for the rights of others, he said. Of all the pedestrians involved in accidents in 1938, 47 percent of them were at fault, figures show.

Pedestrians were urged to observe extreme caution at intersections, watching for traffic signals and other signs and to observe all traffic rules while walking on the streets and highways. Motorists were urged to remember the pedestrian's rights and to exercise caution in pedestrian areas.

"It is not good manners for the pedestrian to hold up vehicular traffic and it is not good manners for motorists to threaten the safety of pedestrians," Mr. Snell said. "Application of caution, common sense and good manners will do much to eliminate this type of accident."

New Social Security Bill to Save Big Sum

WASHINGTON.—A confidential report of house ways and means committee, showing that the revised social security bill will save employers and employees \$1,285,000,000 in payroll taxes in the next three years, was said to have been observed by a news service Monday.

The report also cited that old-age insurance benefits have been liberalized and that aged men, women, dependent parents and children below 18 years old will receive \$1,755,000,000 in benefits between 1940 and 1944, inclusive.

About 1,100,000 additional persons will be brought under the old-age pension system by the bill through the addition of seamen, bank employees and persons employed over 65 years old.

The ways and means committee considered the report in secret session, but adjourned until today to complete a study of its 111 pages.

Before formally reporting the measure the committee will consider increasing federal contribution to old-age pensions from \$15 to \$20 a month and increasing from a third to one-half the amount to be matched by states for benefits to dependent children.

With the Townsend old-age pension plan to be voted on in the house Thursday, indications are that the increase in federal old-age pensions will be voted. Thus, in states which grant pensions equal to the maximum federal contribution, \$40 monthly benefits will be paid the aged.

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SOCIETY

Friday

Rebekah lodge, 8 p. m. in the I.O.O.F. hall. There will be a short business session and adjournment so members may attend commencement.

P. D. G. club, scheduled for tomorrow, postponed until next Friday.

Monday

Theta Rho Girls, 7:30 p. m. in I.O.O.F. hall, election of officers.

American Legion auxiliary, 8 p. m. in the armory. Members are urged to attend as there will be interesting committee reports, including that of the nominating committee, and important business to be discussed.

Past Matrons' club, 1:30 dessert at the home of Mrs. C. E. Umphrey.

Tuesday Evening club, 6:30 p. m., annual picnic for members and their families at Horn's grove in Delight valley.

M. P. G. club, 6:30 p. m., picnic supper for the husbands at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Axley. Six members will be hostesses.

La Mercredi Pont club, 7:30 dessert at the home of Mrs. Sam Veatch.

Tuesday

Mothers' club, all day meeting in the club rooms at the Townsend hall. A covered dish dinner at noon.

LaComus club, annual picnic at the home of Mrs. T. C. Wheeler. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock.

Wednesday

Methodist Missionary society, 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. S. L. Mackin. Mrs. E. E. Cone will be the program leader.

Thursday

Baptist Missionary circle meets Thursday afternoon at 2:00 at the home of Mrs. Truman Clark.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MISS ZIMMERLY

Miss Daisy Zimmerly, whose marriage to William DeLacy will take place Saturday, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Wednesday afternoon at the Elkhorn park at Anlauf. Mrs. Walter DeLacy and Mrs. William Collins were hostesses. Forty guests were present and the honored guest received many attractive gifts. A social afternoon was enjoyed and refreshments were served at the tea hour. Miss Zimmerly is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerly of this city. Mr. DeLacy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter DeLacy of Anlauf. Both young persons were graduated from the Cottage Grove high school and later attended the University of Oregon. The wedding will be solemnized Saturday forenoon at 8 o'clock in St. Mary's church in Eugene. They will make their home in Cottage Grove for the present.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD

A farewell party was given at the Presbyterian church last night at 8:00 o'clock by the members of the church for the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Smith who left for their new home in Salem this morning. The ministers from the other churches and their wives and any other friends of the Smiths who cared to come were guests. About 150 were present. After a musical program, a gift was presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Smith from the church by H. B. Ferrin and another by Mac Trask from the Christian Endeavor. At the close of the evening refreshments were served.

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Divide

Mrs. K. P. McReynolds and sons Ernest and George came Saturday from Medford and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McReynolds, and left Monday for Portland to spend a few days with Mrs. McReynolds' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Canterbury, and will leave the last of this week to join her husband at Manchester, New Hampshire, where he has a government position.

Miss Nina Chapman is recovering from an attack of measles.

R. H. Kenady, who is employed on the Willamette highway at the tunnel near the summit, spent the week end with home folks.

Invitations have been received to the graduation from the Roosevelt high school in Portland of Roy Erickson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson. Mrs. Erickson, Roy's mother, was Miss Anna Lindstrom whose childhood home was Divide. Roy has the distinction of being one of three students of Roosevelt to have received all grades of "E" a perfect record continuously during his four years of high school.

Divide school closed Friday, May 26, with a program and four eighth grade pupils received diplomas, Mabel Kenady, Virginia Andrews, Donald Cochreall and Jack Walker. Mrs. Zola Baldwin has been elected to teach this school next year.

Reba and Harold Nixon have recovered from the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nobel and son Evard of Eugene spent Sat-

urday with Mrs. Nobel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dugan.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Chapman and George Alleman visited Mrs. Mabel Kerns at the state tubercular hospital in Salem Saturday and called on Angelo Perini, who is a patient at the state hospital. They returned to Junction City where they attended the fat lamb show in the afternoon.

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For the first time since their organization in 1928 the American Gold Star Mothers, those whose sons made the supreme sacrifice in line of duty during the World War, are holding a national convention west of the Mississippi and Portland, Oregon, home of the national president, Mrs. Bess Duncan Wells, is to be the

honored host city during the week of June 6 to 10. This is also the week of the colorful Rose Festival. Portland Chapter of the Gold Star Mothers, said to be one of the largest and most active in the country, is being aided in the convention plans and details by a large commission of state and city officials, public spirited citizens and representatives of all the veteran organizations and their auxiliaries.

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