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Use of Parking Lights in Fog Is Against the Law

Oregon motorists were warned today that keeping another driver in the fog, so to speak, can lead to some very serious trouble not only for themselves but others as well. The warning came from Captain Walter Lansing, department of State Police, at Salem headquarters.

Many drivers, Lansing said, use only parking lights in the fog—a practice that is a violation of state law as well as a definite driving hazard.

Parking lights, Lansing said, do not have enough intensity to illuminate the road properly in normal weather let alone in foggy conditions. This makes it practically impossible to see approaching cars or pedestrians until too late to stop in time to avoid an accident. Other motorists, too, are unable to see a car using these lights until the car is almost upon them.

Use of parking lights, instead of regular head lamps, Lansing said, can lead to arrest and court action against the violating driver.

Lansing pointed out that state law requires all road lighting beams to be so aimed and with enough power to reveal a person or vehicle on the road at least 500 feet ahead. Parking lights far from fill the bill, he concluded.

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Twilight Hours Are Dangerous on Road

Death crashes in Oregon traffic take place most frequently between six and 7 p.m., a study of the state's 1949 accident record reveals.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, whose office receives all traffic accident reports, pointed out that this is a time of fading light or full darkness in the fall and winter months. Fatal accidents remain high until 10 p.m. and reach a secondary peak between midnight and 3 a.m.

With statewide fatalities nearing the 300 mark, Newbry warned that 1950 may see the heaviest loss of life since 1946 unless the toll can be kept down during the critical months ahead.

The man on foot, the secretary said, is affected most by the seasonal traffic hazards. Last year, approximately 63 per cent of all pedestrian fatalities took place between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m., with darkness or poor visibility the chief contributing factor.

Miss Ruth Shearer Passed Away 12th

Ruth Shearer, age 67, passed away at her home on Daston Rte., Cottage Grove, Thursday, October 12, 1950. She was born at Williamsport, Pa., March 19, 1883, the daughter of Charles and Elmira Shearer. She had been a resident of Oregon for the past 47 years, and had made her home near Cottage Grove for the past 2½ years. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, also her sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Shearer, with whom she had made her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Mills Mortuary. Cremation followed.

Equality is the life of conversation; and he is as much out who assumes to himself any part above another, as he who considers himself below the rest of the society. Richard Steele

Everybody reads the classified ads

United Nations Banner to Fly In State Oct. 24

United Nations day is Tuesday, October 24, and to emphasize the high hope for world peace, Oregon residents are being asked to display the blue and white UN flag wherever practicable.

The move, sponsored by the National Citizens' committee for United Nations day, is intended to make all persons aware of this symbol for world peace and what it stands for.

During the past few weeks, home economics extension units throughout the state have been taking the lead in preparing flags for display. In preparation for flying the UN flag, the Oregon State college extension service has issued a few reminders to aid in displaying the UN banner which many persons believe has been allowed to go without proper recognition.

On no account, the UN flag code says, shall any flag displayed with the UN banner be flown on a higher level nor shall it be larger than the UN flag. The UN flag should never be carried flat or horizontally but always is to be displayed aloft and free. It is not to be used as a drape.

Word from the National Committee on Boys and Girls 4-H Club Work which supplied patterns for the flags, indicates that more than 15,000 flag making kits were ordered in preparation for displaying the UN flag Tuesday.

Goal of the national committee is to have at least one flag on display in every community in the country.

Taking the lead in Oregon have been home economics extension units with assistance from two OSC extension clothing and textiles specialists, Miss Lucy Lane and Miss Muriel Scales. During the past few weeks, they have been coordinating work in the counties in preparation for UN day.

When displaying the UN flag at night on a staff on a speaker's rostrum or during a public gathering, for example, it may be displayed on either side of other flags without being deemed to be subordinate as long as it is on the same level.

A second-rate army is just as useless as the second-best hand in a poker game.

Wins Honors



John Castner returned this week to his regular job on the Portland-Roseburg run Pierce Freight Lines Inc. with the National Heavy Duty Truck and Trailer Driving Championship safely tucked under his belt for the second consecutive year. The champion took the title last Wednesday in Kingsbridge Armory, New York City, in competition with outstanding drivers of the United States.

A \$50 check each month for the next year from American Trucking Associations, Inc., a handsome trophy cup and a championship medal go with the title.

Castner passed the entry requirement on one year's driving without an accident immediately previous to the meet; he hasn't had a driving accident in the past ten years.

Scoring in the competition is based upon appearance, a written examination on safe driving rules, industry, first aid and fire fighting, and skill in handling heavy duty truck and trailer units going ahead, backing, turning and parking, all of which clearances of as little as one half inch.

Art Davis of Medford, another Pierce Freight Lines, Inc. driver, who won the Oregon State Road Race Championship in 1950 was among those competing with Castner in the national meet. Archie C. Pierce, president and founder of the company, and R. R. Condit, general manager, accompanied the two ace truckers to the New York competition.

Electricity Club Is Newest 4-H Project

John R. Gurton, county extension agent in 4-H club work will discuss 4-H electricity clubs at Lane county Electric Cooperative's annual meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Colin-Kelly junior high school, Eugene.

"The 4-H electricity club is our newest 4-H club project in Oregon," stated Mr. Gurton, "and I am pleased to have this opportunity to forward information about it to members of the Lane electric cooperative."

Largest turnout ever is anticipated at this year's annual meeting which will feature a special program of interest to women including home freezer and electric range demonstrations. Other events of the day include an extensive electrical appliance display, movies, talks, prizes, free lunch, and an important business session.

Registration for the annual meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the main lobby of the Colin Kelly junior high school.

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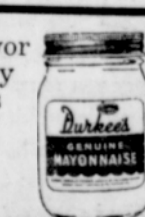
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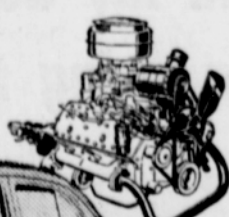
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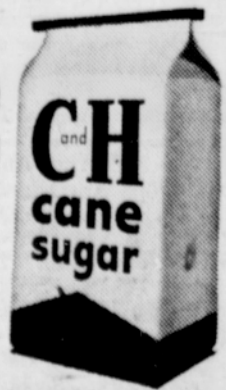
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