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Tragic Lessons

One of the most sobering lessons to the average automobile driver is to overtake the scene of an accident and witness the mangled and bleeding bodies of the victims and help pull the dead from the crumpled and battered automobiles. Such experiences have an awesome effect on those who chance to see the results of such tragedy and particularly the young drivers, who may be inclined to treat the rules of safety lightly.

Two accidents, less than a week apart, took the life of one person and injured nearly a score and a half of people on the highway between here and Eugene. One may suffer permanent blindness, others may spend months in a hospital as result of the mishaps. It's hard to conceive results when two cars traveling even at a moderate rate of speed hit head-on or when one car is sideswiped. One almost has to see a thing of this sort happen to realize how serious the consequences may be. Car drivers, who are fortunate to escape death in many instances, may suffer tortures for months grieving over the impulse which led him or her to take a chance.

The driver who becomes impatient enough to weave in and out of traffic in an effort to cut perhaps five minutes from his journey, is a potential killer, who ought to have his driver's license suspended, for nearly every accident is a result of human error. Impatient drivers have been known to try to pass another car when actually they did not have 75 feet of clearance ahead of them and this had been done just north of Saginaw, where the highway is a series of curves.

One remedy which will help lessen accidents among teenagers is to see that traffic violations are reported promptly. After all if the public wants reckless driving stopped, it is up to every one of us to cooperate properly by reporting violations promptly. A police force twenty-five times the size of the present city force can not stop all the accidents because they can't be everywhere at once.

In communities where the public cooperates closely with officers of the law, the accident rate has dropped. You may think it is of no concern to you, but the next victim to fall prey to careless driving may be a loved one of yours. As long as there is careless driving, this possibility cannot be ruled out.

Experienced Men Needed

In many cases, whether it be city matters, county or state legislative matters, men experienced in such affairs can be particularly helpful. In city affairs, council members often feel that is a serious handicap if they have to attend to city business and their own business too. If they do serve a term or two on the council, they often feel that they have fulfilled a community obligation and about the time the ins and outs in city affairs are learned by one man, he retires and a new man is elected.

The new man may be timid and he often hesitates to make any sort of recommendation which might right a serious wrong or suggest a more business-like way the problem might be handled to save money or to promote efficiency in city government. Or he may question whether or not a particular city function is being performed properly, but on reflection he may conclude the way a function is being carried out must be right, because it's been done so many years a certain way else a change would have been inaugurated long ago.

It's an unfortunate circumstance when a resident appears before the council with a personal problem and demands that "My neighbor's dog should be kept up, or the street in front of my place should be fixed now, etc., but please keep this quiet, I don't want to antagonize my neighbor, etc." The councilman in business knows that nine chances to one he will not only lose the business of the person who makes the request, if the request is not granted, but his vote as well for the complainant often takes it on himself to conduct a one-man campaign.

Because of the opportunity of losing some good policies of an administration or the chances of eliminating some impractical ideas during such change, we have concluded that the one hope of more efficiency in city affairs is to change the charter and get a city manager, who will stay here long enough to make the city government more efficient.

How many businesses do you know that are doing a hundred and nine thousand dollars worth of business in a year without a directing head? That was the approximate sum of the 1955-56 budget Cottage Grove was supposed to operate on the past year. If you are a taxpayer you are a stockholder in a good size corporation. How do you like the future prospects? If any doubt exists in your mind that city manager type of government isn't what is needed, ask any member of the city council. Without exception we think they would tell you they have to earn a living and do not have time to watch over city affairs and do a good job. They see the need of one who can coordinate city affairs.

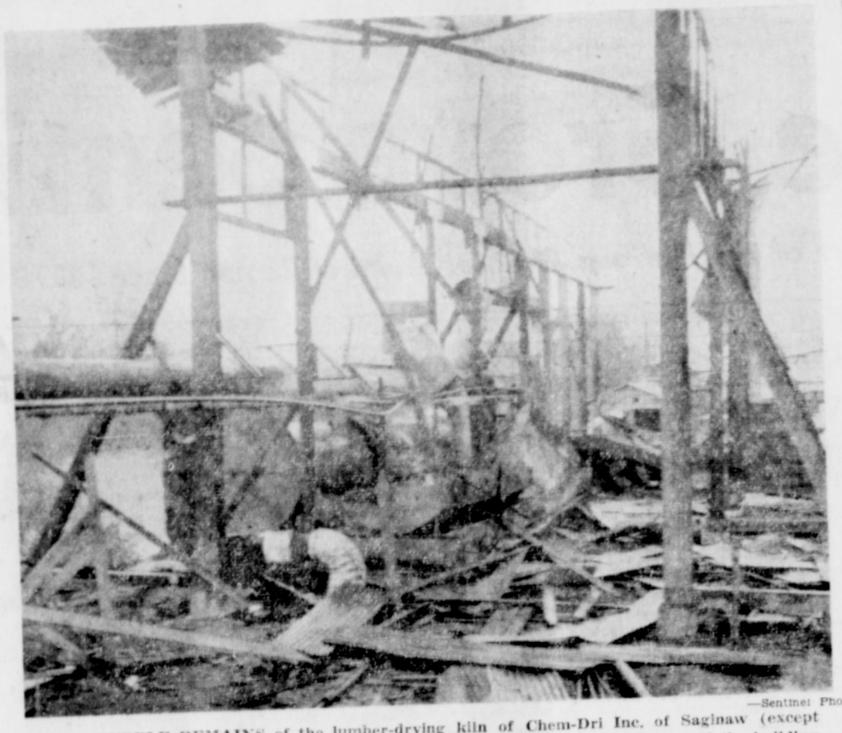
Cottage Grove and Lakeview

In the last issue of the Sentinel, we attempted to compare the city governments of Cottage Grove and Reedsport. One feature of the comparative report of last week, which might be misunderstood is the difference between the water departments of each city. Reedsport showed total receipts of $70,500 from the water department according to the 1955-56 budget, while Cottage Grove showed receipts of $95,250 including a transfer from the general fund into the water department of $15,500. All told about $25,000 was transferred into the water department to keep it operating. The 14-inch water main from Rujada to the reservoir was rebuilt in about 1947, which, together with other improvements, brought a total indebtedness of approximately $453,000, against the water department in the 1955-56, or last year's budget.

In comparison of Cottage Grove and Lakeview, the latter city had an estimated expense and reserve of $209,955, including a reserve of $12,000. Other figures are:

	Cottage Grove	Lakeview
Expenses and reserves	$231,383.83	*$209,955.00
Receipts, other than taxes	122,450.00*	160,339.00
Taxes—Inside 6%	27,976.76	49,616.00
Taxes—Outside 6%	72,623.24	49,616.00
Police Dept.—Total expense including uniforms, car, sinking fund, etc.	38,504.00	21,340.00
Fire Department includes rural district here	34,492.50	2,610.00
	41,076.50	66,030.00
Street fund	37,425.00	*10,000.00
Sewer fund		

*Lakeview has older sewer system.



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ONLY RUBBLE REMAINS of the lumber-drying kiln of Chem-Dri Inc. of Saginaw (except for salvagable boilers and other metal units) after an explosion and fire destroyed the building last Thursday night. Ken Mynatt, owner of the experimental venture, estimated that it would cost approximately $40,000 to replace the damaged and destroyed equipment. Mynatt and Henry Owens, a stockholder, were standing within four feet of the explosion when it occured, but were uninjured.

The Printed Word

Writing in a journal published by New York University's School of Retailing, Irving Settel reports that retailers are spending record amounts of money on newspaper advertising—but are chary of the inducements offered by television.

The main reason is that retailers believe that "newspaper advertising still produces the greatest number of customers for every dollar spent . . ."

The printed word is still the best means of communication yet devised.

Afton, Wyo., Star Valley Independent: "Those who would return rigid high supports have no answer for the question of how to reduce surpluses, which admittedly are increased under a program of rigid high supports. And yet surpluses is the number one problem. It's a funny way of thinking."

Strengthening the Foundations

The Hoover Commission found that the federal government operates about 3,000 business type enterprises, many in direct competition with private enterprise. It recommends that the government get out of 1,000 of these enterprises, and states that many of the goods and services produced can be obtained cheaper from taxpaying private business.

The list of government businesses runs an astonishingly wide gamut—from ice cream freezing plants to electric systems; from garden nurseries to railroads; from a mail bag factory to banks; from a fertilizer plant to steamship lines. In each case the taxpayers are the losers in three ways: first, the tax-exemptions of government businesses increase everyone else's share of government costs; second, capital investment for these enterprises adds directly or indirectly to the national debt and increases the interest payments which are part of the tax burden; and, third, hidden costs and losses help swell the total and also add to the debt and the interest.

A point made by Herbert Hoover himself should guide the thinking of the Administration, the Congress, and the general public toward the Commission's reports. He said: "Our job is to show a safe road to a balanced budget . . . But over and above even that, many of these reports spell out ways to strengthen the foundations of the Republic."

Public Records

JUSTICE COURT

Loren L. Perkins fined $14.50 for following too close, March 31.

John W. Elliott fined $14.50 for violation of the basic rule, March 31.

William R. Oerding fined $9.50 for defective muffler, March 31.

Johnie C. Smith fined $9.50 for violation of the basic rule, March 13.

Joe A. Bentley fined $29.50 for passing with insufficient clearance, March 30.

Gabe Harris fined $24.50 for reckless driving, March 29.

Donald J. Overholser fined $6.50 for defective muffler, March 29.

James A. Hull fined $19.50 for passing on a curve, March 28.

Juanita L. Nance fined $6.50 for violation of the basic rule, March 26.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Floyd A. Billings excused for defective muffler, March 26.

Harold G. Frohreich fined $5 ($2.50 suspended) for failure to observe a stop sign, March 23.

Joseph E. Loper excused for hitch-hiking, March 23.

Henry F. Rohrer fined $25 for drunk on a public street, March 22.

Emil R. Nodlinski fined $25 for drunk on a public street, March 19.

Douglas J. Ballew fined $2.50 for defective muffler, March 19.

George D. Cook fined $2.50 for defective muffler, March 19.

David A. Williams fined $2.50 for defective muffler, March 19.

George R. Haines excused for no muffler, March 19.

LeRoy Adams fined $5 for failure to obey a traffic signal, March 16.

James J. Materie fined $10 for violation of the basic rule, March 14.

Boyd L. Sanders fined $2.50 for no operator's license, March 14.

Dorothy I. Ekelund fined $10 for violation of the basic rule, March 12.

Francis B. Hite fined $5 (suspended) for defective muffler, March 12.

Oscar E .Woodard fined $2.50 for defective muffler, March 12.

Eugene R. Mitchell fined $25 for drunk on a public street, March 11.

Donald K. Turpin fined $10 for violation of the basic rule, March 9.

Ernest H. Heaton fined $25 for drunk on a public street, March 8.

Kenneth L. Sloan fined $25 ($10 suspended) for disorderly conduct, March 7.

Ellie E. Tollison fined $25 for drunk and disorderly and using profane language, March 5.

Edward F. McHugill fined $5 for defective muffler, March 1.

Harlow W. Hubbell forfeited $5 bail for parking in a public alley, February 11.

Don E. Patchen forfeited $5 bail for unnecessary noise and defective muffler, February 14.

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Library Visited By Students, Girl Scouts; New Books

Several troops of Girl Scouts and the children from Disston grade school have visited the Cottage Grove Library recently. Mrs. Dan Hamant, librarian, reminds teachers and others in charge of youth groups that this is the time of the year to take the children on a tour of the library.She also reminds the youngsters that it is nearing time to prepare for their vacation reading.

Many new books have been received by the library for both adult and children reading, says Mrs. Hamant. The Ad Libitum club donated "The Prophet" by Sholem Asch in memory of Elwyn McCarger for the memorial shelf.

Among the recent additions to the adult portion of the shelves is "SOS North Pacific" by Gordon Newell, a sea adventure that took place along the Northwest coast. It is a story of tragedy, humor and courage of people who faced disaster.

Other books include "Woman in Black" by Helen Holdredge, the life of notorious Lola Montez and her adventures from the King of Bavaria to the California gold rush; "Occupation Thief" by Donald MacKenzie, the candid autobiography of a man who chose thievery as a trade; Handbook of Denominations, the concise history of religious organization; "Enter Sir Robert" by Thirkell.

"Voice of the Desert" by Krutch, "Northwest Gem Trails" by Dake, "How to Live 365 Days a Year," by Shindler, "Hickory Dickory Death" by Agatha Christie, and "Comfortable K" by Reilly.

"The Gentleman" by Edison Marshall, "The Last Hurrah" by Edwin O'Connor, "Jubilee" by John Brick, "Revolt of Gunner Asch" by Hans H. Kirst, "A Paris Surgeon's Story" by Dr. Charles Bove, "Andersonville" by McKinley Kantor.

"Search for Bridey Murphy" by Morey Bernstein, "Boy Scientist" by John Lewellen, "New Decade" by John Bauer, "Mary of Carisbrooke" by Margaret C. Barnes, and "Hannah Fowler" by Janet Holt Giles.

PREDATORY ANIMALS LESS

Predatory animals in Lane County were decreased in February by a total of eight coyotes, three bobcats, 13 fox, 10 raccoons, and five skunks, according to the monthly report issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. County hunters working on predator animal control are John W. House and Guy S. Pritchard, Eugene, and Ellis W. Hammer, Alpine. These hunters will kill predators free. Notify one of them if there is a problem in your area.

New oceanographers have set the record for underwater photograpny by photographing at a depth of 20,800 feet in the Sargasso Sea, about 1000 miles seaward of Cape Hatteras, N. C.

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COMPOUNDING The NEWS
By Phil Varley

We see where some dental schools are teaching their students to do their dental work sitting down. This makes it easier on them . . . but that won't make and difference to you . . . unless you're happy because your favorite molar mechanic is as comfortable as house slippers while he blitzes your china.

There's probably no reason in the world why a dentist shouldn't be comfortable . . . but it's something we never worry about while our dentist is working at the old grind. We're usually too busy trying to figure out how to answer his remarks while the mouth is stuffed full of cotton and enough tools to stock a hardware store. We also have a tendency to be braced against the back of the chair. Guess there's no other profession where a man is so anxious to get ahead . . . a head, that is, that needs a dozen fillings.

An absent-minded professor setting type for a booklet on nuclear physics made the title "Unclear Physics." He accidentally hit it right on the neutron. If you're baffled by the task of figuring out the squiggles your doctor puts on your prescriptions, leave the deciphering to our experienced pharmacists. Reading and accurately filling your doctor's prescription is our business, at

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