

Traffic problems traced to attitude of driver



TRAFFIC PROBLEMS in the area include intersections such as Thompson street and 36th avenue. Because there is no traffic light, it is up to the drivers to use common sense and courtesy.



ANOTHER PLACE where courtesy is at a premium and congestion breeds is in front of the teachers' parking lot at the north end of the building. Attitude is singled out as the key to both problems.

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Girls' league schedules week

"The Return of the Giant Snowflake" is the theme of the annual fall Girls' league week to begin December 1 with the Mother-Daughter banquet.

The Honor Girl assembly on Thursday will feature

Departments plan two major scenes in holiday program

by Mary Jane Hulett

Ski lodge and religious scenes will be the two major settings in the music department's annual Christmas Show on December 21 in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Eugene Kaza, the orchestra will present an overture to the program and will play during the change of scenery.

Familiar Christmas numbers will be presented in the ski lodge scene by the Rôyal Blues, Octet, and Choralettes.

A "contemporary" Christmas setting for the religious scene is being prepared by the stage arts class, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Foster, and the art staff, under the direction of Mahlon Read.

The desired setting will be obtained by using different shapes and abstracts, according to Wilbur Funk, choir director.

Singing by a "remote" choir will introduce the religious section. The full choir will then proceed to the stage for the balance of the program.

The junior and freshman choirs together will present three numbers in the program.

Senior choir alumni will be asked to join with the choir in the concluding number, the singing of "the Hallelujah Chorus."

There will be no admission charge for the program.

Miss Oregon, Lita Shiel. Miss Shiel will be the commentator for the fashion show in which the Girls' league officers will model ski clothes, after-ski clothes, semi-formals, and formals.

Highlighting the assembly will be the presentation of honor girls. Two girls will be elected from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

"During the week each class will have a sale," commented Trudy Swenson, Girls' league president. "The sophomores will have the first sale on Monday selling candy canes."

Seniors will sell "little yarn men" on Tuesday and freshmen

will sell mistletoe corsages on Wednesday. Friday's sale will feature cookies to be sold by the juniors.

"There will be no class sale on Thursday since it is Dress-up day and all the classes will be participating," stated Trudy. "However carnations will be sold for girls to wear as corsages."

There was a new system for the selection of honor girls this year.

"This new system will eliminate the election of honor girls as a popularity contest," stated Trudy. "The girls who are elected in this way, will be the most deserving of the honor."

Friday the Girls' league will sponsor an after-game dance.

by Gayle Fleming and Mary Jane Hulett

Traffic problems in the school area are primarily a result of poor attitude, for although the blame has generally been placed on congestion it is in reality the way drivers meet the situation which holds potential danger, according to Bob Tardiff, police officer.

Poor attitude can be seen in the violation of laws and common sense and a general lack of concern for the welfare of others.

"The problem is mobile," states Officer Tardiff, explaining that a driver who is a hazard on one street will still be hazardous when he turns onto another.

However, the area has its share of dangerous pitfalls, including 39th avenue where merely stepping off the curb puts a pedestrian in the line of traffic and 36th avenue which just naturally becomes congested when "forty-year old delinquents" disobey the signs prohibiting stopping and parking to pick up students after school.

During the hours before and after school, the habit of parents to park in the no parking or stopping zone and of double parking while dropping off or waiting for students is not only illegal and discourteous but threatens safety by causing oth-

ers to pass and risk head-on collisions.

Hollyrood elementary school being located on the same block is also a matter of concern to traffic safety. With several major streets to be crossed by its students, Hollyrood is one school that needs a safety patrol, yet lacks any students old enough to participate.

Ever-present burn marks on the surrounding streets are evidence of a problem caused almost without exception by a small number of students.

"Police can't supply a baby-sitter," states Officer Tardiff, who added "the small number of offenders is not going to go away."

Tardiff contends that if hazardous driving was greeted by the "disgusted look it deserves" it would lose all appeal. "Good kids fail miserably," explains Officer Tardiff, as they can be seen time after time condoning the exhibitionist acts of fellow students.

Other examples of hazards caused by poor attitude which can readily be seen in this area were pointed out by Officer Tardiff.

One was a car parked on the wrong side of the street. Although it seems quite innocuous sitting there, one should consider that in order to be parked on the wrong side of the street it had to be driven on the wrong side of the street and will again be driven on the wrong side in order to get back in its proper lane of traffic.

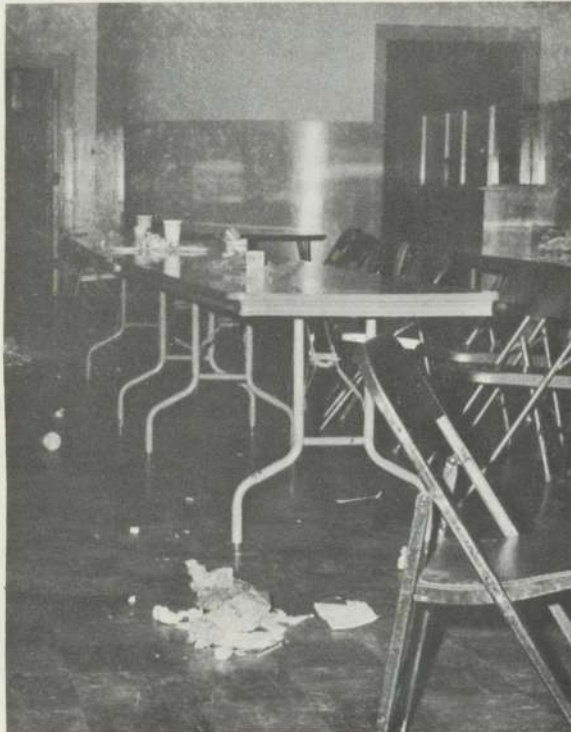
Inadequate or unsafe equipment is another illustration which he used to show how attitude affects safety.

Other violations show a general trend in the students' attitude. As Officer Tardiff points out, if a student doesn't care enough to renew the license on his car, doesn't it stand to reason that he will drive with an equal lack of concern?

Obtained from the Traffic Safety division of the Portland Police bureau, statistics of traffic violations by high school students for the month of September show that we ranked second with 54 violations while Madison high school was first with 57.

Violations included 7 for speeding, 13 for jaywalking and 10 for hitch-hiking.

Police are not "picking on students." As Officer Tardiff points out, many times teenagers draw unnecessary attention to themselves by the cars they drive and their general attitude.



Clean-up campaign After fifth lunch the cafeteria repeatedly looks like a disaster area. The assortment of leftover food, paper and other items gives an indication of the



pride we have in our school and is guaranteed to give you indigestion. Likewise the halls, after a day of transporting close to three thousand messy students is delivered into the loving hands of the custodial staff.