

# Highway Travel Dangerous In State Of Oregon, Report

## "Traffic Facts" Tells Of Costs Suffered In Oregon in 1945

SALEM—The shadow of pain and death inflicted by automobiles looms darker than ever before in Oregon, according to the 1946 edition of Oregon Traffic Accident Facts, just released by the office of Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

Rural and small town dwellers face the sharpest rising toll.

Hit hardest by new trends are people walking along roads outside of town, their death toll in 1945 almost doubling that of the previous year. Their number killed has not risen consistently since 1942, but has been rising faster each succeeding year, says the booklet.

"Farmers and dairymen will play smart to keep their eyes and ears open when walking along the highways," Farrell said. "With more people driving faster and farther, the careless pedestrian doesn't stand a chance."

Rural accidents were seven times as fatal as those in cities, the booklet also reveals.

Published annually by the secretary of state, Accident Facts is a 32-page booklet containing graphs, diagrams and analyses summing up the traffic picture statistically and pointing the way of new trends. It is distributed

through schools and safety groups.

The 1945 traffic keynote was higher speed and higher volume. This speed and volume was reflected in a \$15,840,000 economic loss to the state.

Mechanical failure, popularly blamed for accident during the war, is disclosed by the book to have been less a factor after Pearl Harbor than before.

Liquor and speed were uncovered at the bottom of most of the serious trouble. An accident at 60 miles an hour or above is 100 times as likely to involve a fatality as one at 25 miles or less.

The booklet stress caution at night. Everyone knows darkness brings danger, but few people driving along the road at night actually realize their chances of getting killed are three times as great as they would be if the sun were shining.

Week-ends, too, harbor a shocking hazard. Of fatal accidents in 1945 an average of 34 each took place on Mondays through Thursdays. Forty-seven fatal smashes occurred on Fridays. Saturdays accounted for 66, and Sundays, 71. Saturday and Sunday together piled up more deadly accidents than the first four days of the week combined.

Day or night, pedestrians in dark clothes invited and found trouble. As would be expected, those in dark clothing were hit more frequently, but a startling fact is that accidents involving dark-clothed pedestrians were 12 times as deadly as those involving lighter-clothed pedestrians. Accident Facts shows more than two-thirds of 1945s dead pedestrian to have been engaging in some unlawful or dangerous practice.

The eagerness with which injury, death, and cash loss follow traffic violators is shown by the booklet.

"Of 320 fatal accidents killing 352 people, only 121 were reported to involve no violation," it says. "Of these 121, most can be shown to involve driver or pedestrian error. Almost unheard of is the accident for which there is no one to blame."

Summed up, automobile operation in Oregon last year cost 352 lives, 8050 injured people, and an

economic loss of almost \$16,000,000. This terrible result grew out of 42,922 accidents.

In the introduction "Accident Facts" says the spectre of automobile death and damage has mushroomed suddenly and enormously, but that too commonly we have learned to live with this spectre—accepting it as largely unavoidable, blaming it on "the other fellow," and putting it from mind except when happening across a scene or picture of horror."

Farrell points out the value of "Accident Facts" lies not only in driving home the cost of tacit acceptance of the auto tolls but especially in disclosing where the danger lurks.

In this connection he observed that sending an uninformed motorist or pedestrian out on the highways is like sending him to the jungles of Bengal.

"He's aware of the danger and knows roughly the forms it may take," Farrell said, "but he has only the foggiest notion of how to read the signs of hazard. He doesn't really know where to look for trouble."

Accident Facts shows exactly when, where, and how traffic dangers threaten. The booklet is being made available to schools and safety groups throughout the state free of cost.

## Coming Events

Set Your Calendar By These—

Every Thursday evening, I. O. O. F. meets at the Odd Fellows Hall. Visiting Odd Fellows are welcomed.

October 25—Harbor Community club will hold its regular meeting.

October 30—Annual Halloween party will be held at the Grange hall by the Community club. Joint the club and attend the party.

October 30—Date of postponed meeting of chamber of commerce, to be held at 7:30 p. m. at Nook Cafe, Dinner \$1.00. All wishing to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Mildred Byrne not later than next Monday, Oct. 28.

November 14. Azalea Garden Club. Mrs. W. E. Wilhelm, president of state garden clubs, will be guest speaker.

(All organizations are requested to keep the Pilot posted, concerning all coming meetings, that a date may be carried. Mail all information in, giving schedule).

## Local News Items

Miss Zora Ziegler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wendell Willard, at Dayton, and with friends at Portland this week.

Sam Gott returned late Saturday from Amarillo, Tex., where he had been called two weeks ago by the death of his father. "There has been plenty of rain there, too," Mr. Gott said on his return.

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## LET'S UNDERSTAND 3 SIMPLE FACTS

- Townsend "pensions" are not insurance; no reserves are set up to guarantee payments.
- If a 3% tax on your CASH RECEIPTS does not squeeze out sufficient tax cash to pay \$100 a month, there will be agitation to increase the rate to 4, 5, 6 and 7%. This Townsend scheme takes savings from GI Joes and Janes, to give to all over 60 whether needy or not.
- This is a tax on GROSS CASH RECEIPTS, with no deductions for losses, cost of merchandise sold or operating expense. "Net gain" or "profit" is not the basis of the tax. (Only \$100 of cash receipts a month is tax free!)

## VOTE IT DOWN!

No other state has three income taxes!

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### Cost of Living in Oregon

- Apples: Accumulated 3% taxes, grower to consumer, 54c a box. Could Oregon apples be sold in competition with Washington's? NO.
- Lumber: Accumulated 3% taxes, logger to consumer, \$5.18 a thousand board feet. Could Oregon lumber be sold in other states? NO.
- Bread: Accumulated 3% taxes, wheatfield to consumer, 2c on a 1½-lb. loaf of bread, from 16c to 18c.
- Canned Peas. Accumulated 3% taxes, grower to consumer, 19.71c a dozen cans. Would such handicap to Oregon industry close up factories, reduce employment? YES.

### Don't VOTE Yourself Out of a Job!

### Cost of Dying in Oregon

- Your widow will pay 3% on cash received from your life insurance policies, either annuity or lump sum payments.
- Burial facilities will cost more.
- Your children's inheritances will be taxed 3% before inheritance tax.
- Special bequests to friends, relatives, will be reduced 3%.

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