

TRAFFIC DEATHS AHEAD OF 1953

Traffic deaths in Oregon have edged ahead of last year with two of the most dangerous traffic months yet to be reported, the state traffic safety division said today.

Forty-six fatalities in October, 11 more than for the same month last year, were blamed for ending the state's death reduction record and for shoving the 10-month traffic toll to 330 as compared with 326 through October a year ago.

But there are bright spots on the record:

With nine months' reported, 40,713 accidents had been counted for a 19 per cent reduction over the same period a year ago.

Injuries also are lower, 9,370 traffic hurts reported from January through September, against 11,474 last year.

Safety officials are at a loss to explain the sudden increase in deaths while marked accident and injury reductions continue. Reports so far this month indicate fatalities still are occurring at a disproportionate rate, 11 deaths reported in 14 days.

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CURRY GENERAL INCLUDED IN LIST

Curry General hospital in Gold Beach is the latest Blue Cross participating hospital. Application to participate was approved this month, according to Frank F. Dickson, executive director of Northwest Hospital Service Mrs. Helen T. Healer, R. N., is administrator of the new participant.

Now the Blue Cross members in Curry County will have the convenience of a nearby Blue Cross hospital. This brings to 69, the number of hospitals participating in the nonprofit Blue Cross plan in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

Curry General hospital also becomes eligible for participating in the nationwide Blue Cross Inter-Plan Service Benefit Plan. This is a reciprocating arrangement through which tourists and travelers, who are members of Blue Cross, may receive local hospitalization. During 1953, Oregon hospitals furnished 6,119 days of hospital care for out-of-state Blue Cross members.

FORESTER BEGINS WORK IN AREA

Rags Ragland, of the Chetco Forest District, has announced that Gerhard F. Muerle, a professional forester, has arrived in this area to become his assistant on a full time basis.

Muerle graduated from the University of California last June. He was used considerably as an interpreter in Germany during his service.

Muerle was assigned to the Brookings Ranger Station in October this year. He transferred from the Umpqua National Forest where he was foreman in charge of the White Pine Blister Rust control work this summer. He is conducting the planting program up the Chetco.

Never attempt to make up for lost time by speeding. Excessive speed is the number one killer in traffic today.

Form 4-H Livestock Clubs In Area

There was an organization meeting of the leaders and parents of the 4-H Livestock clubs at the Brookings high school last week at 8 p. m.

Kenneth Hill, acting County agent was in charge of the meeting.

Two Livestock Clubs were formed for this area. The students living in Brookings area and the North Bank of the Chetco River will be led by Ed Thorton. Students living South of the Chetco and in the Winchuck area will be led by Thelma Pettigrew and Irene Crump.

Give Farewell Party As Two Enter Army

A farewell party was given in Smith River Friday night for Jerry Higgins and Rocky Grante, popular guitar and accordion players, who left by bus Monday morning, Nov. 29th to begin their boot training at Fort Ord.

The party was planned by Mrs. Del Grante and Miss June Kennedy. About 25 guests were present. Dancing concluded the evening.

Fir Production Is Over 1949-53 Average

Douglas Fir Industry production is up some, from the 1949-53 average, according to figures for the first ten months of 1954, released today by Harris E. Smith secretary of the West Coast Lumberman's Association.

The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in October was 212,643,000 b. f. or 110.6% of the 1949-53 average; Orders 155,502,000 b. f.; Shipments 175,773,000 b. f.

The industry's unfilled order file stood at 717,843,000 b. f. at the end of October, gross stocks at 839,678,000 b. f.

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GIRLS START 4 H CLUB IN BROOKINGS

A group of girls have started a 4-H club under the leadership of Miss Lois Ann Miller. They are learning first year sewing, and have elected the following officers:

President Claudette Matlock;
vice president, Carrie Matlock;

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Secretary, Bonnie Klinefelter; treasurer, Judy Thompson; Entertainer, Camilla Schroeder; Song leader, Mary Matlock; news reporter, Joyce Anne King; refreshments, Elizabeth Bravo, and Juanita Shampang.

Meetings are to be held weekly at the home of Miss Miller.

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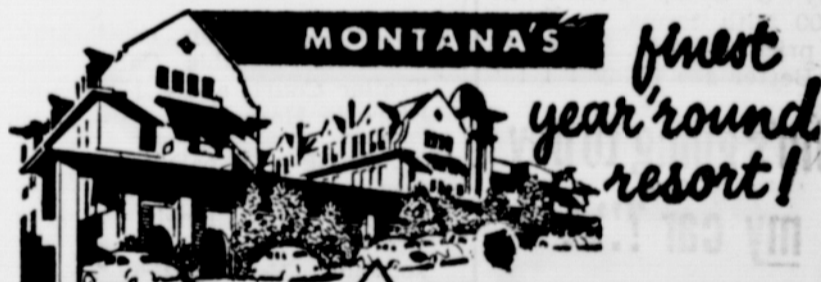
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