

JEEP ACCIDENT FORCES HIKE

Henry Kerr and Virgil Clark, the latter associated with the timber-buying end of the Plywood, had a nice 5-mile stroll out of the Eagle Creek snag patch, last weekend. Seems they'd been up looking at some attractive stumps and on their way home, cruising along not much more than a trail, something happened to the brakes when they were pitched at a 45 degree (or more, Henry says) angle. Virgil didn't have the instruction book with him, or something, and yelled at Henry, "Prepare to Ditch!" or something like that, and the next thing Henry knew he was knee-deep in the dashboard and the dashboard was dashboard-deep in the bank. Virgil and Henry decided they had had enough jeeping for one day and harkened to limber their muscles up with a bit of hiking.

Each thumbed a ride back into town from just this side of the Upper Chetco Bridge.

Letter to the Editor

I have heard from several sources that there is a letter recorded at our City Hall, from the League of Oregon Cities, and one from Mr. Sam Hall, when he was City Attorney, that in their opinion the people of Brookings already own the now existing sewer system.

I am just a housewife not knowing how to go about bringing these things to the public's attention.

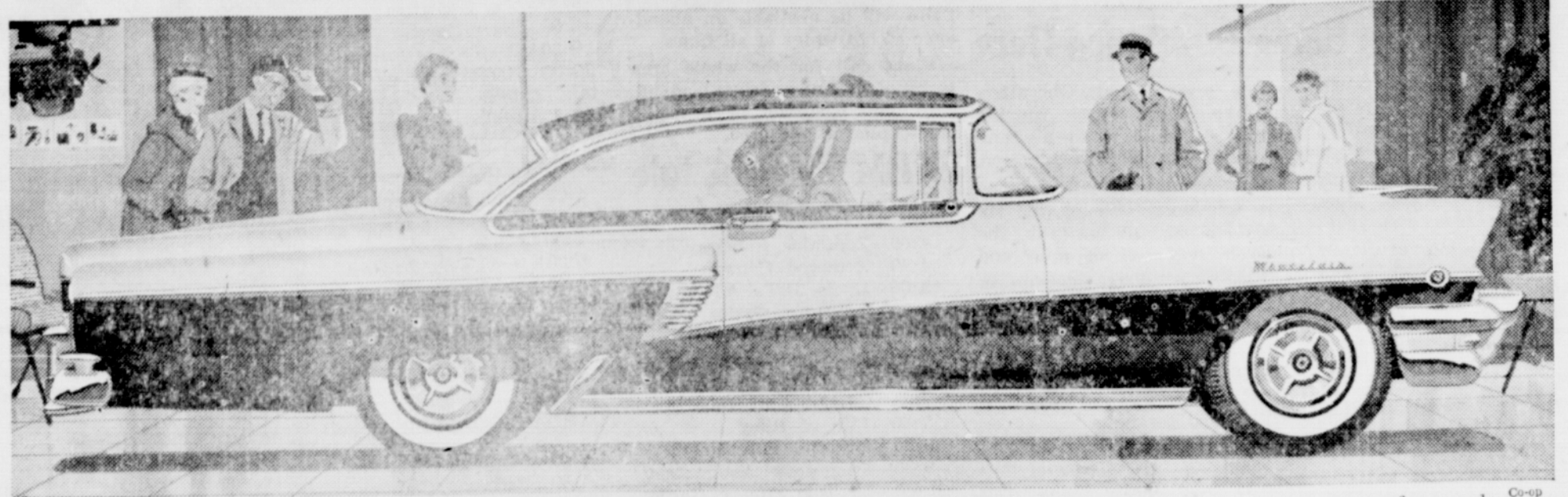
If Mr. Bankus does own the sewer as he states, then I say pay him. But, if the people of Brookings own it as these letters state, why should we be forced to buy something we already own?

I think the present administration should publish this letter or a group of men go to the City Recorder and look into this matter.

The water-sewer situation has been kept from the people long enough and should be brought out in the open where it can be understood by all.

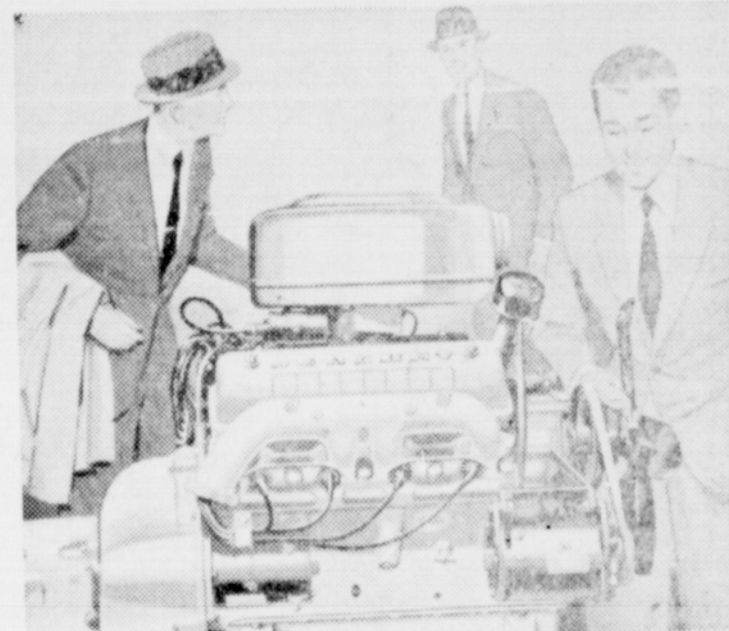
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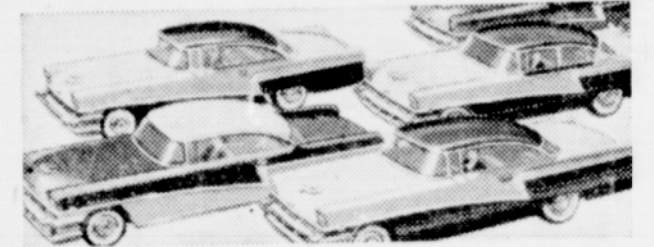
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Most Accidents Happen At Night

More than half of Oregon's fatal traffic accidents take place at night when there are considerably fewer cars on the road than in daylight, analysis of reports submitted to the Secretary of State office reveal.

Of the 359 fatal smash-ups reported last year, 188 were listed as taking place during the hours of darkness and 79 of the 152 fatalities reported in the first half of 1955 happened after dark.

A basic reason for this paradox is the driver's disregard of the obvious fact that darkness hides danger, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry suggests.

"Some drivers seem to forget that at night a stalled car, a pedestrian on the roadway or any other object can't possibly be seen until it comes within headlight range," Newbry said. "Then the hazard seems to loom up out of nowhere."

He said the weapons against such night dangers are equally obvious.

"They're a pair of good headlights, a speed that won't outrace those lights, and a constant attitude of alertness."

Longer hours of darkness and stormy weather which reduces visibility even further will face all drivers and pedestrians in the months ahead, the secretary reminded. Through August, Oregon traffic deaths numbered 251 as compared with 247 at the same time a year ago.

Fuel Sales High In August 1955

Oregon motor vehicle fuel sales jumped 13 percent in August to break all previous records for a single month, figures reported to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry's office revealed.

The total was 63,899,023 gallons up 7,513,225 gallons over August a year ago. State gasoline taxes for the month amounted to \$3,833,941.00, approximately 11 percent of which will be refunded for vehicles operated on private lands.

In terms of street and highway travel, the August gallonage indicates Oregon drivers rolled approximately 731 million miles during the month, Newbry said, a new all-time high. Mileage is estimated from an average miles-per-gallon figure computed by the Public Roads Administration.

Traffic fatalities in August reached 39 for a rate of 5.3 deaths in each 100 million miles of travel. The rate was 5.2 in August of 1954.

There has recently been a pick-up of Mercy Flight application blanks, at the print shop. More and more people are seeing that the annual fee of \$4.00 is pretty cheap insurance when matched to the air transportation it brings for the sick or injured. This fee assures a whole family within a radius of 400 miles—and all for \$4.00 a year per family.

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