

Oregon's 1950 Traffic Toll

Oregon's 1950 traffic toll reached 406 dead at the close of the year, tentative figures compiled by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reveal.

This is approximately a 14 percent rise over fatalities of the year before and nearly matches the 419 lives lost in 1948 traffic. Newbry said the figure may grow if delayed reports are received or if injured persons later die.

Total accidents are expected to hit 68,000 when all reports are in, up 4,000 from the number reported in 1949 and an all-time high.

The year saw automobile travel mileage and vehicle registrations climb to new peaks, with an estimated 10 percent more vehicles in use than during the preceding year.

Tellus Tinkham, proprietor of Tinkham's Tin Shoppe, calls his new girl friend "Firecracker." She has red hair and bangs.

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