

Intensive and Continuous Efforts Said Needed to Stop Traffic Deaths

Last year 33,599 persons died in automobile accidents in the United States. That fact may not register very strongly. After all, 33,599 is just a figure.

But you can visualize the extent of the slaughter a little better if you will imagine that many people lined up in parade formation and marching from noon to sundown to pass a reviewing stand. Or, suppose all those people had been killed at the same place—in front of your home, say. Then you could have stood on your front porch day and night, week in and week out, and with each death on the average every 13 minutes.

That's as many people as live in such a city as Elkhart, Indiana, or Poughkeepsie, New York, or Waco, Texas. They are all dead now, killed in accidents that could easily have been avoided. Hundreds of thousands of orphans, widows and bereaved parents led to mourn in every city in the land.

Even so, 1940 was not our worst year for traffic fatalities. All things considered, the record for that year was pretty good. The most tragic year in motorist history was 1941 when 37,312 persons were killed. That was the high point to which traffic fatalities had steadily climbed over a 30-year period beginning about 1912 when 17,561 died. After 1912, the popularity of the automobile grew, and so did the number of deaths. Year by year the number killed increased with a few exceptions—notably during the war when gasoline rationing drastically curtailed driving.

It is significant that the tide turned last year following the President's Highway Safety conference held at Washington early in May. Alarmed by the senseless and inexcusable slaughter, President Truman called together the governors of the states, mayors of the larger cities, legislators, engineers, judges, educators and other outstanding citizens to see if some means could not be devised to put an end to it.

The conference adopted an action program which contained recommendations of experts on various phases of the problem. Engineers, for example, showed how safety always could be built. Lawyers stressed the importance of uniform traffic regulations. Judges and police officials drew up a list of the worst offenders. Traffic law enforcement. Educators drafted a program for teaching safety in the schools.

This is the first of 13 articles dealing with the subject of traffic safety. Our articles to follow in the Argus by authoritative spokesmen in the safety field, will show concretely how accidents are caused, how they can be prevented, what they cost in property damage as well as in lives lost, and what you, as a citizen, can do about them.

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STORY OF A LAWBREAKER—Here is the finish of a driver who thought he could drink and still drive a car. Drunken drivers are potential murderers of every other motorist who comes near them on the road. They were involved in more than 5,000 fatal accidents last year. National Conservation bureau safety specialists say even one or two drinks slow up reactions, making judgment unsure, increase chances of accident three to four times.

Cedar Mill Club Hears Alcoholic Anonymous Member at Meeting

By Gertrude Pearson

CEDAR MILL—Community club met Wednesday evening at the school house. Opening ceremonies included the flag salute and singing of America. Since it is a custom to hold picnics in July and August to replace regular meetings, it was decided to hold the first on July 13 at Avalon park and the second on August 10 at Creston park.

A member, "Cecil," of Alcoholic Anonymous club, spoke relating much of the working idea of the Alcoholic Anonymous clubs. He stated that the idea originated 11 years ago in Akron, Ohio, and now has a total of 50,000 in the U. S. Dr. Maudie G. Gentry, consulting psychiatrist in connection with the club, spoke on the medical effect of alcohol.

A clinic is being organized in Portland for the treatment of alcoholics with the funds derived from the liquor department. It is expected to open early in September. Refreshments and a social hour followed the business meeting.

Garden Club Holds Social

By Mrs. Hesterlee

HAZELDALE — Cooper-Dale Garden club held a social evening at the Hazeldale school June 11. Ladies of the club came dressed as a flower or vegetable. Mrs. Betty Waggonblast acted as emcee and they each gave a brief resume of where they were born and grew up and how they happened to come to Oregon. Those in costumes were: Mrs. E. W. Livermore, president, a cauliflower; Mrs. James Broad, vice-president, a pansy; Mrs. B. M. Maier, secretary, a carrot; Mrs. Hilda Pierson, treasurer, a sweet pea; Gladys Hesterlee, the club flower, a Paul Scarlet rose; Mrs. Don Milbrandt, a radish; Mrs. Merle Jones, a chrysanthemum; Hazel Johnson, a tulip; Mrs. Al Jeldries, an iris; Mrs. John Rohrbach, an aster; Mrs. Ed. Berger, a beet; Mrs. Burgh, a white lily. After the pictures were taken, Mrs. Handley of Milwaukie entertained with colored slides she had taken in and around Hazeldale. Refreshments were served by the club. The next business meeting of the club will be June 25 in the evening with Mrs. George Albin. Mrs. Ed. Berger will be assisting hostess. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Capt. L. King Gets Army Commission

Captain Lonnie T. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. King of Davis, Cal., and officers' mess officer at McCord Field, Wash., has been offered a commission in the regular army, officials at that Fourth air force base announced.

The captain, a student at Sacramento Junior college prior to entering the armed forces in April, 1942, served overseas for more than a year during which time he flew 185 missions and was awarded the distinguished flying cross with one oak-leaf cluster, the air medal with three oak-leaf clusters, the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon with four battle participation stars, as well as the American theatre and Victory ribbons.

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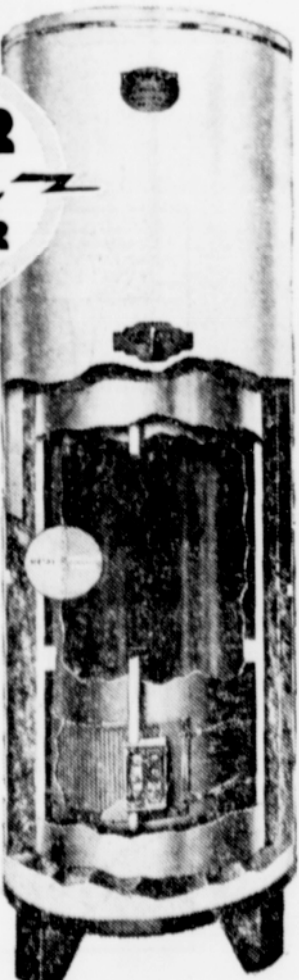
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John F. Staehle Gets Degree at U. O.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—John F. Staehle of Hillsboro received his master of arts degree from the University of Oregon commencement exercises Sunday.

The title of Mr. Staehle's thesis is "Assessment as a Factor in the Support of Oregon Schools." He is an education major.

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the congregation will be held July 13 at 8 p. m.

Leonard Schwanks has been in Barn's hospital, Vancouver, since June 10. He is improving and expected home shortly.

Emily Kirkman and Alma Peterson attended the annual Talent Quest of the Oregon District Walther League held at Lewis and Clark college in Portland Sunday.

noon in Finley's Morninglight chapel.

Mrs. Nachand is survived by her husband, a son, Horace G. Nachand, a daughter, Mrs. Marion Kelly; one brother, Forrest M. Bridges, and three grandchildren.

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Club to Have Picnic June 29th

By Mrs. H. K. Redding

COOPER MOUNTAIN—The executive committee of the Cooper Mountain Community club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Schouboe. It was decided to have the first picnic at Shute park, Hillsboro, on June 29. Members of the Community club are asked to cooperate in supporting the club's candidate for G-Adress of Liberty, Dorothy Leopold, by buying at least one ticket.

Mrs. Charles Nachand

Mrs. Charles Nachand, the former Ella Bridges of Hillsboro, died Friday in Portland, and funeral services were held Monday after-

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