

# CARS KILL 189 DURING YEAR

### Annual Accident Report for Oregon Issued by T. A. Rafferty Here

A total of 189 persons were killed and 4711 persons were injured in 30,181 traffic accidents in Oregon in 1929, according to the annual report of T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department, filed with the secretary of state Saturday.

Approximately 13,890 of the accidents were due to reckless driving, while in 1025 cases drivers were exceeding the speed limit. Failure to give proper signals resulted in 2475 accidents. In 484 accidents the drivers were intoxicated. Of the total number of persons killed 39 were pedestrians.

### \$54,833.87 Collected in Fines in Year

Fines were imposed during the year in the amount of \$54,833.87, with fees collected by the traffic operatives aggregating \$80,514.82. There were 13,559 arrests. The officers recovered stolen cars having a value of \$82,871 and motorcycles with a value of \$375.

During the 10 year period since the organization of the state traffic department on August 1, 1920, delinquent fees have been collected by the officers in the amount of \$463,395.14. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$378,917.48 and stolen cars were recovered having a value of \$498,318. The traffic officers also collected non-resident expired permits in the amount of \$352,493.50. Fines for the violation of the license laws during 1929 aggregated \$7885.

The matter of Oregon residents attempting to evade the provisions of requirements by operating on foreign license plates is a continual problem that must be confronted. In the annual report, "In the past year 2208 cars were handled and the fees collected aggregated \$40,379.06. Many Trucks Are Found Overloaded

"Overloading of trucks and consequent damage to the highways was found to be a serious problem. Fines for this offense aggregated \$3431.85 during the year. Non-resident registrations during the year totalled 103,008 and it was estimated that an additional 10 per cent operated in the state without procuring non-resident permits. There are 397 school buses operating in Oregon, about 75 per cent of which are in good condition. Approximately 65 per cent efficiency exists in vehicle lighting."

The report shows that motor vehicle accidents increased 294 in 1929 over the preceding year. Injuries decreased 310 and deaths increased 14. "It must be borne in mind," continued the report, "that Oregon is the gateway through which all north and south Pacific coast travel must pass if it be coming south from the state of Washington or to the north from Mexico and California."

"I submit the statement that credit for the state's low fatality record for the year 1929 is not altogether due to the efforts of the state traffic force. City enforcement departments, American Legion, civic clubs and organizations, motor clubs and a consciousness on the part of the motoring public of the real value of safety, all have had a part in bringing about a state-wide traveling condition which let it be hoped may continue through ensuing years."

## WEST STAYTON CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

WEST STAYTON, Feb. 3.—The community club will hold the regular meeting Tuesday evening, February 4. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. A program and business meeting will follow.

Miss Mary Walker, Miss Mabel Walker and Lenard Walker were Salem shoppers Friday.

Fred Denhem hauled a load of hogs to Salem for Rhea Rawlings Thursday.

The Miller family will move Saturday. The cold weather delayed the move. They are moving to Yacolt, Wash., where Mr. Miller has a job hauling lumber.

Mr. Ashe and family were Albany visitors Saturday. They recently moved to this community from Albany.

The West Stayton cauliflower association had a meeting electing officers for the coming year. They predicted a big year.

The cold weather didn't effect our school, it was in session every day. It is reported plans are made for a new school house, which is evidently needed. In a few days electric light line is to be extended out of West Salem about one mile and that will serve several families.

## Ground Hog Hunts Cover in Spring Valley District

SPRING VALLEY, Feb. 3.—The ground hog saw his shadow in this vicinity sure enough because Sunday was the most pleasant, sunny day we have had since the storm. The recent rains have washed away all the snow except where the lanes were drifted full.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hains and son Floyd and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woelk of Salem spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Schubert.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and family plan to move to the coast Monday and Mrs. Stults will leave soon for Eastern Oregon.

John Childers has completed his moving job and is now ready for the electricity. Vestal and

## SUES RIVAL



Mrs. Florence Quintard Bonnell, society matron, of Sycoset, L. I. wife of Major Geoffrey Bonnell, has sworn out a superseding warrant against Mrs. James Fargo. Mrs. Bonnell has long tried to get Mrs. Fargo and her husband before the law, but without avail. Mrs. Bonnell claims that Mrs. Fargo is her rival.

Morehouse did the work from the Yamhill Electric Co. of Newberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Riper and infant daughter of Salem spent Monday with Mrs. Van Riper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Damm.

Miss Ethel McKinney went to Silverton Friday where she spent the week end with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McKinney. Miss McKinney is ill at her home suffering a nervous breakdown and was forced to give up her studies at Capital Business college.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevenson and daughter Ruth and Shirley of Salem Heights spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alderman.

## GOVERNOR URGES MOUNT HOOD TRAM

Favorable action by the federal government in connection with the application for permission to construct a tramway to the summit of Mount Hood, was urged in a telegram prepared here Monday by Governor Norblad for consideration of Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture.

"For more than four years," read Norblad's telegram, "application has been before the forestry department for a permit to erect a tramway to the summit of Mount Hood. A year ago the Oregon legislature adopted a resolution urging the department of agriculture to grant a permit for its construction. Advice was then given that an expert report would be prepared promptly, and following receipt of such report the matter would be acted on."

"The people of Oregon are eager to end the long delay and are desirous that the application receive favorable consideration. The erection of the proposed tramway would be a wonderful asset to the state and to the nation. It would make a magnificent scenic resource available for the people of Oregon and tourists without impairing the natural beauty of the mountain. Furthermore, if the project could be advanced it would carry out President Hoover's recommendation that construction be encouraged in order to avert unemployment. I respectfully urge early and favorable action."

Governor Norblad sent the telegram following receipt of a letter from W. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in which he called attention to numerous delays in connection with the tramway construction.

It was said that both Senators Steiwer and McNary have gone on record favoring the construction at an early date.

## Pratum Church Resumes Lectures

PRATUM, Feb. 3.—Rev. Asher is again holding a series of Bible lectures at the Mennonite church. This is a continuation of the lectures held from January 12 to 15 and were then discontinued on account of the cold weather. The two churches here are meeting together.

Grain crops apparently did not suffer much from the cold weather, being so well protected by snow.

Scion wood of Royal Ann cherries which usually turns brown at near zero weather and is not fit for grafting, has come through so far without showing any serious damage.

Aaron Olson of Salem has two special numbers in song at the Mennonite church here Sunday evening.

Fred de Vries was at Stayton Sunday planning with the pastors here for the county Sunday school convention program, which will be held at Stayton Christian church on March 14 and 15.

Claud Ramsden was a Portland business visitor last Thursday.

## INTANGIBLES TAXES BRING BIG RETURNS

The State Tax commission reports that returns and payments under the intangibles tax law, already received, exceed expectations. The commission finished sending out blanks on its general mailing list last Wednesday, January 29. It is not expected that any large number of returns would be filed before the middle of February as taxpayers have until March 1 in which to report incomes from intangibles and make payment of taxes thereon.

The volume of returns is increasing each day and nearly 700 with total payments in excess of \$30,000 have been received. This does not include some 200 returns which have been filed by executors and administrators on the closing of estates on which tax payments aggregate over \$7,000. The amounts paid cover a wide range, the average per return being about \$45.00.

If the present rate of increase in each day's filings continues through the month of February, it is estimated that the commission will receive a total of near 25,000 returns. While, of course most of the returns are coming by mail, the commission reports that many taxpayers avail themselves of the opportunity of coming to the office personally.

The commission reports that complaints on the intangibles tax law have not been numerous and that such as have been made are chiefly due to misunderstandings of the law.

It is the expressed determination of the commission to administer the intangibles tax law fairly and impartially. The commission will be very busy during the month of February in receiving and auditing returns. Immediately on expiration of the filing period, it will start a systematic checking in every county of the state to locate all those subjects to the tax who may have failed to file returns and also determine whether any of the returns as filed are fraudulent or incorrect. The intangibles tax law contains severe penalties for evasions and fraudulent returns and the commission expects to be kept busy for several months in its effort for a proper and effective administration of the law as to taxpayers, whether willing or unwilling.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURER IS HERE

Rev. Andrew J. Graham, C. S. B. of Boston, a member of the board of lecturership of the Mother church of the Christian Science church, lectured Sunday evening in the Salem Christian Science church on the subject "Christian Science, Its Reasonableness." After reviewing the qualities of the founder, Mrs. Baker Eddy, Rev. Graham discussed the teachings of his church on the subject of healing saying:

"I myself am a witness to the truth of the statement that Christian Science heals on the basis of the aliveness of good and the nothingness of evil. I will testify that after three and a half years of intense physical and mental suffering and when every so-called human means, applied, had failed to relieve me, I was instantly healed through one treatment in Christian Science lasting twenty-five minutes. After this healing, as I began the study of Christian Science, I found the clear answer to all the difficult theological problems which had defied solution during my thirty-four year ministry in an orthodox church."

## WEST SALEM HAS BUSINESS INDEX

WEST SALEM, Jan. 3.—(Special)—A city business and official directory has been started in West Salem. So far it has been quite a success to many people. It includes all of the business places of West Salem which are quite numerous compared with a few years ago. They now include the following: Gerth's Cash Grocery, Sloper's Market and Grocery, Roush Quality Store, Blue Front Grocery, Roseman Confectionery, Robertson Apartments, Kingwood Apartments, River Side Auto Camp Ground, Capital Tourist Auto Camp, West Salem Star Printery, Puritan Cider Works, West Salem Prune Dryer, West Side Fruit Stand, Anibal Auto Paint Shop, J. W. Leoney Plumbing, West Salem Service Station, Lewis All Under Cover Service, C. H. Eighth Garage, Greene's Auto Service, Edgewater Service Station, Folk County Service Station, Copeland Lumber company, West Salem Box company, E. C. Stewart, contractor, George Stewart, contractor, Kingwood Builders, G. M. Douglas—Builder, J. E. Thomas—cabinet maker, Tracey Fuel Yard, Second Hand Store Junk, West Side Fur House, M. A. Vandenburg—Pruning and grafting.

## O. F. Johnson's Building to Be Remodeled Now

Remodeling of the ground floor of the building on State street owned by O. F. Johnson and formerly occupied by the Ka-foury store, will be started at once preliminary to the opening of an exclusive ready to wear store there early in March, Mr. Johnson announced Saturday. The store will occupy only one-half of the ground floor space. A new front will be erected in addition to the interior remodeling.

Mr. Johnson expects to complete a deal for leasing the remaining store room space in the near future.



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