

Commercial St. Accidents Lead

Replace High Street in Worst Traffic Record During Year 1938

Salem's worst intersection from the standpoint of traffic accidents last year was the spot where the two worst streets crossed—State and Commercial, Secretary of State Earl Snell reports.

Replacing the corner of State and High as the city's Number One accident spot, the State and Commercial intersection was the scene of 40 reported mishaps during 1938—the same number that won the dubious distinction for State and High last year.

Commercial Street Worst. Accidents on Commercial street numbered 243 during 1938, only five less than the previous year. Of this number, 26 resulted in injury to an automobile occupant or pedestrian. Here are the comparative records of the city's chief streets:

Street	1937	1938
Commercial	248	243
State	203	236
High	191	180
Court	173	186
Liberty	159	160
Center	149	122
Capitol	120	123
Chemeketa	73	102
12th	65	85

State street was second in injury accidents, with 23, but Capitol was third with 15, due probably to its fast traffic.

Nine Intersections Perilous. The nine worst intersections following State and Commercial were State and Liberty, 31 accidents; State and High, 31; Court and High, 31; Court and Liberty, 29; State and 12th, 28; Commercial and Center, 22; Court and Commercial, 21; Capitol and Center, 18, and High and Chemeketa, 17. All of these except the last two were in the first 10 last year.

Total accidents on the eight busiest streets increased about 4 per cent during the year, Snell said, although accidents throughout the city as a whole dropped from 1553 in 1937 to 1541 last year.

Drivers can be of assistance in lowering Salem's accident totals by observing the following points:

1. Proper use of traffic lanes and obedience to traffic lights at downtown intersections. Proper arm signals are highly important.
2. Care in leaving parking places, and watchfulness for other cars leaving parking places.
3. Caution in entering "through" streets, and observance of reasonable speeds while traveling on "through" streets.

Portlander Heads Newspaper Group

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18—(P)—S. R. Winch, business manager of the Portland Oregon Journal, was reelected president of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper association at the annual meeting today.

Publishers and business executives of 23 newspapers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah and the Province of British Columbia attended.

Other officers are: Vice president, John Russell, The Province, Vancouver, B.C.; vice president, W. H. Cowles, Jr., general manager of the Spokesman-Review, Spokane; treasurer, Palmer Hoyt, manager of The Oregonian, Portland; Robert M. Mount, Portland, secretary.

Chosen to sit with the officers on the board of directors were James Dickey, Jr., publisher of The Post, Butte, Montana; John McClellan, publisher of the Daily News, Longview, and Harry Cahill, business manager of The Times, Seattle.

Ross Called East To Explain Need

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18—(P)—The congressional appropriation committee has called J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, to Washington to explain the necessity of \$14,400,000 to construct "feeder" transmission lines in 1940. Charles E. Carey, principal construction engineer of the Bonneville project, accompanied Ross. That amount was recommended to congress by the federal budget bureau, which also urged \$7,900,000 for the army engineers to install additional generating equipment at the dam.

Idaho University Honors Late Brig. Gen. Christmas

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 18—(P)—Study halls at the University were empty and silent this afternoon as hundreds of students paid a final tribute to Brigadier General Edward R. Christmas, commandant emeritus of the university military department.

General Christmas died Sunday following an operation for a ruptured appendix.

Student Nurses Train In Clackamas County

OREGON CITY, Jan. 18—(P)—Four student nurses were assigned to Clackamas county public health department today for training in public health nursing under County Health Officer Margaret Patton. They are Lucille Lukens, Silverton; Lucille Dunn, Portland; Lois Rose, Hood River; Evelyn Shelley, Alabama.

December Car Accident Fatal to Sherwood Man

PORTLAND, Jan. 18—(P)—Oregon's 1938 fatality list increased by one today when Ole Peterson, 64, Sherwood, died of injuries suffered December 28 near his home.

On Seamy Side



Police at Natrona, Pa., held Paul Cervenkak, 29, in connection with the death of Mrs. Naponocens Jarayuski, 79, who lived alone in another part of Cervenkak's house. Detectives claimed Cervenkak admitted killing her because she had told friends he was going to marry her.



Arthur Hue "If I don't burn for this I don't know what's wrong with the people!" So said Arthur Hue, a Chinese house boy, to Chicago police when he confessed to the slaying of Mrs. May Wong, wealthy restaurant owner.



Gunman's bullet ends the life of Dr. Gordon Mordoff, 55-year-old Chicago physician and central figure in a much-publicized 1936 court test for the custody of three-year-old "Sonny Boy" shown with the slain doctor at that time. According to police, Dr. Mordoff was shot and killed in his office by his brother-in-law, John Quinn, who, it is said, had accused Mordoff of being responsible for Mrs. Mordoff's death.



Fortured for years by his paralyzed son's suffering, Louis Greenfield, New York millinery shop operator, chloroformed the 17-year-old boy and told ambulance attendants who sought to revive him that "I hope you don't succeed." Greenfield was charged with homicide.

Arson Attempt Charged In Klamath Falls Area

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 18—(P)—James McNaughton, 41, was arraigned on a charge of attempted arson at Gilchrist today. F. H. Switzer, Gilchrist construction engineer, signed the complaint. He said gasoline saturated papers had been placed under two buildings and that McNaughton was surprised in the act of attempting to light them.

Tacomian Found Guilty Of Automobile Deaths

TACOMA, Jan. 18—(P)—A superior court jury tonight found Gordon Ambrose, 31, of Tacoma, guilty on two counts of negligent homicide in connection with the automobile deaths a year ago of Jane Johnson and Hyle Anderson, Roy high school students.

Scout Parley Event Tonight

Annual Cascade Area Meet to See Awards Made, Officers Installed

A. C. Haag, retiring president of the Cascade area council of Boy Scouts of America, will preside at the annual meeting to be held tonight at St. Joseph's hall at 6:45 p.m.

Awards will be made to be followed by the speaker of the evening, Stuart F. Walsh, scout executive of the Seattle area council. His topic will be "Rediscovery of America."

Clark New President. At the conclusion of the evening installation of officers and board members will be held. Willis Clark will be installed as the new president and other officers of the council are: Harry Scott, vice-president; Dr. B. F. Pound, vice-president; Cherry City district; Dr. C. D. Coles, vice-president; Lin district; M. B. Findley, vice-president; Polk district; Fred Johannsen, vice-president; Santiam district; S. P. Rose, vice-president; Marion district; T. A. Windishar, treasurer; Rex Sanford, scout commissioner; A. C. Haag, national council member; J. B.

Elks to Witness Wrestling Tonight

Ladies and Others to Be Guests; Legislators' Night Jan. 26

A series of fast, exciting and entertaining wrestling bouts have been promised by Herb Owen, promoter, for the Salem Elks lodge Thursday night, when the lodge will have a special ladies and guest night. Guests will be admitted by special card only.

The largest initiation of the year was held last week, 24 candidates being initiated. The Salem Elks lodge membership is to close upon reaching 1100 members, and is rapidly reaching its full quota.

On Thursday, January 26th, Legislators' Night will be held. Invitations are being sent to all members of the legislature to attend this meeting and special entertainment is being arranged. William Hammond, leading knight, is in charge of the arrangements, being assisted by Cliff Mudd, Fred Paulus and John Steelhammer, jr.

Roosevelts Help "Mile of Dimes" For Polio Fund

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18—(P)—Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt placed two dimes—one for herself and one for the president—in the "mile of dimes" on a downtown street today.

The project is a part of the president's birthday celebration for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims. The public began placing dimes in grooves along a 20-foot wooden table on the sidewalk Monday. Tonight there were 368 feet of dimes (\$617.10 or 6,171 dimes).

CCC's Permanency Asked by Fechner

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18—(P)—Robert E. Fechner, director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, recommended today that congress make the organization permanent. He asked also that the salary of the director be raised from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year and that the administrative personnel be placed under civil service.

Albany Resident Believed Suicide

Mrs. Bertha Kelly Schmidt Dies of Gun Wound; Funeral Friday

ALBANY — Mrs. Bertha Kelly Schmidt, 32, died at her home near No. 10 grange, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night as the result of a shotgun wound, presumably self-inflicted. It is understood that Mrs. Schmidt had been suffering from ill health for the past two years and at times despondent.

Mrs. Schmidt was born in McMinnville in 1906. She was married to Raymond A. Schmidt in 1929, in Lebanon. She was a member of the Lutheran church.

Funeral services will be held from the Fisher funeral home Friday afternoon at 1:30. Surviving are the widower, one brother, Glenn Kelly; a sister, Mrs. Reynold Tower, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelly all of Albany, and two other sisters, Mrs. Ben Holmes of Benton county and Mrs. Howard Carey of Co-burg.

Philippine Aims Of Japan Denied

PORTLAND, Jan. 18—(P)—Japan has too many islands now—she isn't interested in the Philippines. So declared Dr. Yutaka Minakuchi, expert in oriental affairs, here today.

The people of Japan, he continued, do not want war. They particularly do not want war with the United States.

WPA Waiting List Is 343 in County

Three hundred forty three men and women in Marion county are on the waiting list for WPA jobs, according to a report received by County Commissioner Jim Smith yesterday from M. E. Holcomb, county relief administrator. The report showed 267 others awaiting reassignment and 99 more of the 2899 persons who have been certified to the WPA, as temporarily unassignable. Local WPA projects were giving employment to 1899 persons while 291 others from this county were shown to be working on projects of other federal agencies.

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