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PASTE THESE FIGURES IN THE CAR

Speaking of traffic safety, some element of speed is almost always present when an accident occurs. Safe speed is entirely relative to time, place, condition of roadway, weather, degree of grade or curvature—and the alertness of the driver. You hear the cocksure driver say that he "watches the other fellow" constantly. You hear it said that no accident can occur if either one of two drivers is fully alert. And you hear the old maxim "never drive out of vision," meaning never drive at a speed so great that you can't stop short of the curve or fog line or whatever is in sight.

Still accidents keep occurring and they happen not only to "crazy ikes" but to very good drivers. A good many of them are due to simple ignorance as to what a car will do under given circumstances. How much space does it require to stop a car at various speeds—assuming, of course, a good car, good brakes in good condition, good road, good weather, all-round ideal conditions? How much more space does it require to stop at 80 than at 50 or at 30?

Okay, here's a little tabulation to paste where you won't forget it:

Miles Per Hour	Car Will Go In 1 Sec.	Car Will Go After Brakes Set
20	29 1-3 feet	22 feet
30	44 "	49 1-2 "
40	58 2-3 "	88 "
50	73 1-3 "	137 1-2 "
60	88 "	198 "
70	102 2-3 "	269 1-2 "
80	117 1-3 "	352 "

In Eugene, our city blocks are approximately 300 feet long. At 50 miles an hour it takes nearly an entire block to make a stop, allowing for the interval between seeing an obstacle, making a decision what to do and getting the brake to working effectively. You say it doesn't take a second to hit the brakes. Maybe not, but you can turn your own car over at 50 by jamming too hard. Except in the utmost emergency it is never wise to "clean the clock" as our railroad friends say when they use the emergency brakes. A full second for braking is not too much leeway.

Think it over! Remember this tabulation calls for ideal conditions—good car, good brakes, good pavement, dry weather. We heard of a lady who wanted to bet the state cops she could stop her Buick in 50 feet at 80. Her first lesson in what brakes won't do cost \$50, and cheap at that.

The momentum of a ton of steel is an interesting study—for the physics laboratory, not the highway.

MINIMIZE THE HARDSHIPS!

Naturally, it is going to be impossible to summon hundreds of thousands of young men from civilian life into the military service without causing hardships of varying degree.

But every effort ought to be made to minimize those hardships and hold them down to what proves absolutely necessary.

For instance, this has happened many times: a young man is ordered to report for service, and given five days' grace to clean up his affairs and cut the ties of civilian life. He quits his job, gives up his lodgings, turns over his business, if any, to others; sometimes he even sells most of his clothes and possessions. Then he reports at camp as ordered. Given a final physical examination there, he is rejected, and sent back to pick up what threads of his civilian life he can gather together again.

The New York Selective Service Administrator, Col. Arthur V. McDermott, has had to issue a warning to draft eligibles that they may be thus rejected at the induction centers, and advising them to keep this in mind in arranging their affairs, so as to avoid, so far as possible, the resulting dislocations.

To begin with, employers ought to realize that this often happens, and try to keep a man's job "on ice," so to speak, for a few days after he is called up, so that he may resume it if he is rejected and returned. Others similarly affected might well try to show the same consideration.

Best of all, of course, would be to give the selectee a final physical examination before he leaves the home community. Whether this is possible to arrange or not, we don't know. But it should surely be considered, with a view to putting such a system in effect if that proves practicable.

If not, many of the inevitable hardships can perhaps be minimized if selectees themselves will guard as carefully as they can against possible last-minute rejection, and if

those associated with them in business and personal life will cooperate to the fullest possible extent.

It is likely that the selective service system, perhaps with modifications, will continue for many years. Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois director, has been quoted as saying that in his opinion it will continue long after 1945, when the present setup ends by law.

This being the case, every effort should be made to iron out kinks in the system so that it may function smoothly and with a minimum of dislocations and hardships for the men concerned.

THE GLORY THAT IS GREECE

Broken and weathered fragments though they be, the Elgin marble sculptures in the British Museum are looked upon as the embodiment in stone of all the "Glory That Was Greece." These figures, in their battered loveliness, still had the power to turn Keats' thoughts to mortality, overwhelming him with—

"... a most dizzy pain,

"That mingles Grecian grandeur with the rude

"Wasting of old Time—with a billowy main—

"A sun—a shadow of a magnitude."

Now it has been proposed in Britain that they be returned from the museum where they rested for 139 years, and restored to the pediment of the Parthenon where the hands of very great artists placed them so many years ago.

Perhaps it might be a fitting gesture—and yet any glory that these marble figures could bring to Greece today would be dimmed in glare of glory lighted by today's embattled Greek armies.

It's getting harder and harder to respect gray hairs—so many are being dyed black.

Maybe the reason you can find so much fault is because nobody wants it.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 8.—Federal Maritime Commission is awaiting the arrival of Harve Klemmer, commercial attaché of the American embassy at London, to discuss the details of a plan whereby American flag ships will take over all the business of the Pacific now handled in British bottoms. And the plan means exactly that—all. Such a proposal, if put into effect, would be advantageous to every port on the west coast. However, there is a catch.

The British, who have discussed this matter with Klemmer, wish only a temporary arrangement with America. Such a deal, they argue, should hold only for the duration of the war, after which the Americans would surrender the trade routes to the English. The purpose of the arrangement is to enable British vessels to concentrate on the Atlantic side and carry supplies to England. It is another desperate idea to meet the menace of German submarines, which grows more serious daily.

Abandonment of the routes now held by the British in the Pacific will require all the American freighters available. Between working out trade routes and spotting American flag ships to serve them, the commission is expected to consume several weeks. Entering into the discussion will also be the raiders now operating in the Pacific and their probable effect on the trade runs. Pacific ocean is not as peaceful as formerly, according to advice received by the state department.

This is to be a fighting congress. There will be fights over so many issues and measures that at this time no one can guess how it will all come out. There is the Dies committee on un-American activities, which wants one million dollars and will be opposed by various members from the Pacific northwest, unless they change their mind. The committee died with the old congress but members are already preparing to ask for new life and more money.

Comes the battle with the new deal group wherein Governor Eccles of the Federal Reserve system asks congress to revoke President Roosevelt's money powers. Object of Eccles (the recommendations have the approval of all the presidents of the 12 Federal Reserve banks) is to prevent, if possible, inflation. Governor Eccles has been an early new dealer and has been one of the more persistent advocates of spending—and now he wishes to apply a curb to its possible results. President Roosevelt asked for the monetary powers several years ago, before there was a war. Now, however, the suggestion that he surrender it (even by friends) is to be fought. For the first time in history the Federal Reserve has gone straight to congress with its plan, recognizing that Mr. Roosevelt is not in the mood to surrender.

Measures to aid Britain, the fire-hose policy of the President, are other of the contests in congress. There is a large percentage of the members who are ready to give Mr. Roosevelt anything he desires, but there are others who feel it their duty to defend America first. These latter can be expected to debate and argue every point and they are not yet afraid of being labeled "non-interventionist" that may come later, of course, depending on how public sentiment blows.

For the time being it is permissible to sail into Great Britain and Germany alike without being accused of sabotage. Before this congress is over it may be impossible.

Amendments to the Wagner Act and NLRB are ready for the new congress to take up. A preponderance of the house will favor the amendments when there is an opportunity to vote on them, but not without vigorous resistance by friends of the board, which has been greatly discredited by the recent report of the special house committee. Senate committee on education and labor has stalled along for two years on this matter, but will be forced into action by approval of the house. In this connection there will be legislation offered to place a ban on strikes in plants where national defense orders are being filled. There will be less sympathy for this bill provided labor does not go too far. A serious strike might bring reprisals.

In all of the foregoing legislation the Pacific northwest has a definite stake but one of the most important issues, insofar as the northwest is concerned, will be the bill to create a Columbia Valley Authority. On this there is division of opinion among members of the northwest delegation and plenty of opposition will come from members of congress representing eastern states. The bill would permit Bonneville administration to purchase private plants and dispose of them to PUDs.

Engagement Told Monday At Party

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Allene Williamson of this city to Vincent McBride of Portland were announced Monday evening at a party and crystal shower given by the honor guest's sister-in-law, Mrs. Stanley E. Williamson.

The wedding is to be February 8. Attending the party were Miss Williamson, Mrs. Vernon Kerley, Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. Glenn Griffith, Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. George Blinckhorn, Mrs. Grant Crakes, Mrs. N. Paul Anderson, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. Allen Osborne, Miss Betty Cope and the hostess, Miss Cope poured. The announcement was made in the form of a proclamation.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williamson of Mayetta, Kansas.

HOME FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Beeson returned Monday night from southern California where they spent the holidays and attended the wedding of their son.

CLUB TO MEET

La Junta club is meeting Friday at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. P. L. Herbig for its regular meeting.

DANCE THURSDAY

The semi-formal dance of the Terpsichorean club will be an event of Thursday evening at The Holland, dancing to begin at nine-thirty o'clock.

IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chase of Springfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams of Los Angeles recently at the Earl Carroll theatre in Hollywood. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are in southern California for a time, and were among Oregon people taking in the Rose Bowl game New Year's day.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Lee Roy Woods and daughter, Miss Carolyn Woods, have returned to Eugene from a ten-day trip to California. They visited Dr. Dan Woods and family and Dr. Elizabeth L. Woods at Los Angeles, and Don M. Woods and family at San Jose, Cal.

VISITING HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis of Mohall, North Dakota, are here during the month of January visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Lewis, and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kindler. They are returning by way of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.

VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hall have had as their house guest the past week C. W. Horn, chief quartermaster in the navy, Portland.

MEETING THURSDAY

Business and Professional Women's club is to meet Thursday for its monthly luncheon at Seymour cafe. William M. Tugman is to be the speaker, reviewing the year's news.

MEETING THURSDAY

The Dunn Women's club is to meet Thursday with Mrs. Ray Wells. There will be a potluck luncheon at twelve o'clock.

WISCONSIN CLUB

The Wisconsin club met at the W. O. W. hall with a potluck dinner Monday evening. After the regular opening proceedings the following officers were elected: John Good, president; W. A. Cummings, vice president; Ethel B. Swanson, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Shaw volunteered to serve as chairman on the dining room committee for the month of February. Mrs. King, who is chairman of the program committee announces that for one-half of her special entertainment she has secured a group of Helen Thamer's dancing school pupils. Mrs. Gertrude Cummings was given a vote of thanks for her work and co-operation as secretary-treasurer during the past year.

A short program was given which consisted of a ballet dance by Miss Ackerson accompanied by Patricia May Edwards; radio recitations by Mrs. Haggart, Mrs. McArthur and Shirley Mae; and a special dance by Miss Ackerson accompanied by Patricia May Edwards. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing. The next meeting will be February 3 at the W. O. W. hall.

TO MEET FRIDAY

The Americana group of the A. U. W. will meet Friday at two-thirty o'clock with Mrs. Frank L. Chambers. The discussion on old glass will be continued.

BENEFIT PARTY

The American Legion auxiliary is planning a benefit card party for Wednesday, January 29. Mrs. Clarence V. Simon is general chairman. Fifteen members attended the meeting of the sewing club Tuesday with Mrs. Noble W. Bond. The next meeting will be January 29.

Calendar

Wednesday
 6 p. m.—Episcopal church supper, parish hall.
 6:30 p. m.—Twentieth Century club dinner, First Methodist church.
 7:30 p. m.—D. U. V. meets at armory.
 7:30 p. m.—Dorcas society of First Christian church meets with Mrs. Hal Young.
 8 p. m.—Dorcas Needle club of Emmaus Lutheran church meets with Misses Dorothy and Margaret Christensen.
 8 p. m.—Alpha Iota meets at Osburn hotel.
 8 p. m.—O. R. C. auxiliary meets at Moose hall.
 8 p. m.—King's Daughters of United Lutheran church meet with Mrs. Willard Lundstrom.
 8 p. m.—Eagles' auxiliary meets at Eagles' hall.
 8 p. m.—Catholic Daughters of America meeting, St. Joseph's hall.

Thursday
 12 noon—Business and Professional Women's club meeting, Seymour cafe.
 12:30 p. m.—Emmaus Lutheran Aid luncheon at the church.
 1 p. m.—Blue River chapter Past Matrons' club dessert with Mrs. C. F. Hyde.
 2 p. m.—W. R. C. Needle club meets at the armory.
 2 p. m.—Independent Mission Study Group of Churches of Christ meets at First Christian church.
 2:30 p. m.—Kappa Kappa Gamma Mothers club meeting, home of Mrs. Robert C. Hall.
 2:30 p. m.—Scout Mothers' club of Troop 46 meets with Mrs. Henry Quam.
 2:30 p. m.—Discussion group of Women's City club meets with Mrs. R. P. Sutton.
 2:30 p. m.—Grace Lutheran Aid meets in church parlor.
 2:30 p. m.—Meeting of mothers of Boy Scouts troop No. 3, home of Mrs. Lester Read.
 7:30 p. m.—Girl Scouts council meeting, scout center.
 8 p. m.—Degree of Honor meets at Day hall.
 8 p. m.—Child study group of Women's City club meets with Mrs. H. C. Griffin.
 8 p. m.—Neighbors of Woodcraft meeting, W. O. W. hall.
 8 p. m.—Mother's club of Boy Scouts troop No. 2, meeting at home of Mrs. George Turner.
 9:30 p. m.—Terpsichorean dance club party, at The Holland.

Friday
 21 with Mrs. Earl Kast.
AID EVENT
 Mrs. Oliver Kupper was received as a new member at the meeting of the United Lutheran Ladies Aid Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Neil B. Freeman. About twenty-five members were present. Plans were made for a rummage sale in March. The next meeting will be February 4 at the home of Mrs. R. Bogstad. Mrs. Clifford Stalsberg will assist.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY
 The V. F. W. auxiliary met Tuesday evening in its new meeting place, the Moose hall. As its winter project, the sewing club will sew for the veterans' hospital at Roseburg. The next sewing club meeting will be a covered dish luncheon January 21 with Mrs. Neal Robertson. The next business meeting will be February 4 at Moose hall, the committee being Mrs. John Sprall, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. W. May and Mrs. Lee Moore.

ALPHA CIRCLE
 Alpha circle of the First Baptist church met Tuesday at the church with twenty-six present. Mrs. Harry Landon and Mrs. S. H. Wilcox sang a duet, and Mrs. Floyd Travis sang a solo. Mrs. Wilcox had charge of the missionary program on "Eastern Lights—China." Mrs. E. R. Corbin talked on the work of her sister, who is a missionary in China. A letter from Miss Margaret Cuddeback, missionary in Japan, was read. The next meeting will be February 4.

C. P. GROUPS
 Division meetings of the Women's Union of Central Presbyterian church were held Tuesday. North division met with Mrs. M. Hollis for dessert. Thirteen members and two guests were present. This division will entertain at the Women's Union meeting next Tuesday, Mrs. R. B. Boals and Mrs. Frances Leighty will be hostesses for the next meeting. Thirty-six members and three guests attended the meeting of South division at the church.

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25th Wedding Anniversary Observed

THE silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Gilbert was observed Sunday at an open house held at their residence in the evening. The couple were presented with many gifts of silver.

Assisting at the party were Mrs. Archie Zimmer, Mrs. Frank Elliott, Miss Dorothy Godlove. Following are the guests for the event: Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Godlove, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Zimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Fossen, Mrs. Nellie Van Fossen, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Perry, Miss Louise Elliott, H. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack, Mr. and Mrs. Veto Bavoro, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Greene, Mrs. Pearl Hinkson, Kenneth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sobert, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Miss Dorothy Godlove, Guy Haines, Mrs. Ethel Graves, Guy Mock, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Zimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Astor Salvon, Joe Deroso, Mrs. Eloise Hardin, Harold Thorpe, Carl Gilbert, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whittall, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stapleton.

chapel. Plans were made for working on the choir robes, and for organizing a Red Cross sewing group. The next meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at the chapel.

ALLIANCE MEETS

The Unitarian Women's Alliance met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. O. M. Foster. The social service committee reported on its work during the Christmas holidays. The next meeting will be a silver tea with a special program January 21 at the home of Mrs. Mary B. Wheeler.

THURSDAY MEETINGS

Neighbors of Woodcraft met Thursday at eight o'clock in Moose hall. Degree of Honor will hold installation of officers Thursday at eight o'clock in Day hall.

The Ladies Aid of the Emmaus Lutheran church will honor older members of the church at a luncheon in the church parlor Thursday at twelve-thirty o'clock.

Past Matrons' club of Blue River chapter, O. E. S., will meet Thursday for a one o'clock dessert with Mrs. C. F. Hyde.

W. R. C. Needle club will meet Thursday at two o'clock at the armory.

Ladies Aid of the Grace Lutheran church will meet Thursday at two-thirty o'clock in the church parlor.

The Independent Mission Study Group of the Churches of Christ will meet Thursday at two o'clock in the white room of the First Christian church. Officers will be elected.

DEGREES GIVEN

The majority degree was conferred on Mrs. Courtney Du Clos, Miss Betty Mae Lind and Miss Beverly Williams at the meeting of Job's Daughters Tuesday evening. Announcement was made of the official visit of the grand guardian, Mrs. Phyllis Poole of Klamath Falls, on Tuesday, February 18. Miss Margaret Zimmerman was installed as guide. The next meeting will be January 21.

S. D. CLUB

The S. D. club will meet Friday at seven-thirty o'clock with Mrs. John Jensen, Eleventh and Oak streets.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

The Junior American Legion auxiliary met Tuesday evening at

Phi Beta Group Meets On Tuesday

Phi Beta associates and alumnae met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. William M. Tugman. Mrs. Charles G. Howard, Mrs. Milton V. Walker, and Mrs. Herman DeVries were assistant hostesses. The program was on dance, and the Master Dance group gave the program with Miss Marial Patterson, Miss Ellen Torrence, Mrs. Bert Kerns, Merlin Dow, and Robert Forsythe taking part, accompanied by Miss Kay Holman. Miss Pirkko Paasilki had charge of the program.

About thirty were present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. W. Ingham with Mrs. Robert M. Betts, Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg, and Mrs. A. L. Alderman assisting.

P-T. A. Meeting To Be Friday

The River Road P-T. A. will hold its January meeting at the schoolhouse, Friday evening at eight o'clock. O. K. Baldwin, a magician, is to be the featured entertainer, following a short business session. There will also be musical numbers presented. The sixth grade mothers will be in charge of the refreshments.

The River Road P-T. A. executive committee met at the school Monday afternoon. Decisions were made regarding P-T. A. work for the balance of the year.

Miss Wagner New Club President

Credit Women's Breakfast club held annual election of officers at the meeting Tuesday.

Miss Wanda Wagner is the new president, succeeding Mrs. Clarence A. Elkins. Miss Mardelle Edwards was named vice president; Miss Eva Haines, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Warner, treasurer; Miss Lois Strayer, historian.

Installation will be held at the next meeting, two weeks from Tuesday.

Miss Smith And Mr. James Wed

The marriage of Miss Doris Smith to Archie James was solemnized Tuesday morning at a ceremony held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James at ten o'clock. Dr. C. L. Travin of the First Baptist church officiating. Attending the wedding were relatives, including Mrs. Lucien Ward, Mrs. Eva Gilkey, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James, Mrs. Stella Smith. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Stella Smith, Mr. James the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James.

Scouts Council

The monthly meeting for the Girl Scouts council will be held Thursday evening at the scout center at seven-thirty o'clock.

the home of Mrs. C. E. Williamson, with thirteen present. The time was spent working on scrapbooks. The next meeting will be January 21 with Mrs. Williamson.

MISSIONARY GROUPS

Missionary programs were held and plans made for future meetings at the group meetings of the Women's Missionary society of the First Christian church Tuesday. Group one met with Mrs. Myrtle Kidwell, with twelve present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. A. L. Carter. Mrs. T. A. Stivers will be the leader. Group two met at the church annex. Mrs. C. A. Horton was in charge of the

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