

Speed Law Has 2 Major Parts

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eighth in an 11-part series, compiled by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, designed to explain Oregon's motor vehicle laws to drivers.

Mr. B was cited by a police officer for driving 45 miles an hour in a 30-mile-per-hour zone. He entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charge, even though he subsequently admitted he was driving 45 miles an hour.

He won his case in court because he was able to prove that at the time of the citation, in

the area in which he was driving, and with due regard to the above average traffic and road conditions at that time, 45 miles an hour was not a violation of Oregon's basic rule.

Oregon's speed law has two major parts. The foundation is the basic rule which has been in effect since 1931. The second part, added in 1941, provides designated or recommended top speeds for certain areas. Even so, many people — even some who think they do — do not fully understand the state's speed law.

The basic rule charges a driver

with the responsibility for keeping his vehicle under control at all times, with due regard for traffic conditions, surface and width of the highway, intersection hazards and any other conditions which might affect safe operation.

The essence of the law is that each driver is to operate at a speed that is reasonable and prudent in view of existing conditions. It is entirely possible to violate the basic rule even though a driver may not be exceeding a designated or posted speed, just as it is possible to go in excess of a designated

speed and not be guilty of violating the state's speed law.

Designated speeds are guides to help drivers determine a reasonable and prudent speed for certain areas when conditions are normal.

Three principal designated speeds are stated in the law: 20 miles per hour in school and business zones; 25 miles per hour in residential zones; and 55 miles per hour in other locations.

Signs may be posted in these zones as a reminder to drivers, but these designated speeds apply whether or not they are posted.

In addition to the speeds established by statute, other designated speeds can be set by the State Speed Control Board and the Highway Commission. They become effective when signs are posted, such as 70 miles an hour on freeways of the state.

Designated speeds are not absolute or maximum limits, but to exceed them is prima facie evidence of violation of the basic rule. This means it is evidence which, standing alone, is sufficient to establish a fact.

It ceases to be sufficient

when rebutted or impaired by contrary evidence. In this case, evidence of the existing conditions must be introduced to show the element of potential danger in the alleged speed.

The only maximum speed limit for passenger cars in Oregon is 25 miles per hour on ocean beaches. Certain other types of vehicles, however, such as school buses, trucks, and buses do have to comply with maximum limits — specifically established for them by law.

(Tuesday: Chemical Tests for Drivers).



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Tuesday Meeting Scheduled

Unit to Aid Aged Planned

A meeting of individuals, representatives of service and civic groups and others interested in the needs of Lane County's institutionalized aged will be held Tuesday in Eugene.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in Room 4, Harris Hall.

Purpose of the meeting is to establish a coordinating unit for volunteer services to nursing homes and homes for the aged.

This unit would work on a voluntary basis with groups wishing to furnish entertainment, social assistance and

gifts to the aged. With the co-operation of nursing home managers, it would match available volunteer services to needs and schedules.

Dr. Robert O. Johnson, Eugene, will deliver the keynote address on "Emotional Patterns of Importance."

Tuesday's meeting, which is sponsored by a committee of the Emerald Empire Council for the Aging, is open to the public.

Mrs. Ben Trippett, chairman of the council, said that there

are some 500 senior citizens in Lane County nursing homes.

She said that a study committee proposed the coordinating group after studying similar programs in other areas and working with a number of the country's nursing homes.

After further research, Mrs. Trippett said, "we would like to expand our volunteer services with a training program that would prepare nursing home visitors for the situations they are likely to encounter."

Such a program, she said, would include instruction in some of the recent medical concepts of rehabilitation.

Further information on the coordinating group and Tuesday's meeting is available from Mrs. John Shepherd, DI 3-7888.

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Appeals Judge to Speak At UO on Civil Liberties

Chief Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, Baltimore, will give the Failing Distinguished Lecture on Oct. 15 as a part of the University of Oregon's observance of Charter Day.

Sobeloff was solicitor general of the United States during 1954-55. In that capacity he appeared before the Supreme

Court on the question of civil rights.

The university's Charter Day, Oct. 16, will feature "Civil Liberties." In his talk, Sobeloff will discuss some aspects of civil rights.

The son of Russian emigrants, the jurist was graduated in law from the University of Maryland. He served as Baltimore assistant city solicitor, deputy city solicitor and city solicitor.

As a federal district attorney, he forced customs officials to release copies of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" and "Wise Parenthood" by Dr. Marie Stopes, which has been seized as "obscene" matter. Yet he prosecuted publishers of "Baltimore Brevities," described as "specializing in crude sex stories and blackmail."

In 1952 Sobeloff became chief judge of the 5-member Maryland court of appeals. He was appointed as judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in 1956. He has been chief judge since 1958.

Sobeloff's address at the university will be in the ballroom of Erb Memorial Union at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Negro Leader Lecture Topic

Talks with Martin Luther King, Negro leader, will be reported by W. Scott Nobles, associate professor of speech, during a Browsing Room lecture Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Oregon.

The reasons why the controversial Negro integrationist has reached such a position of prominence, and the methods he utilizes, will be explored in Nobles' lecture. The title is "Martin Luther King: Spokesman for Non Violence."

Nobles spent a week in Atlanta, Ga., this summer on a university faculty research grant, gathering material on the minister.

He interviewed King and his associates; attended a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) convention where the nationally-known southerner was principle speaker; studied clippings from King's office and from the files of Atlanta's two newspapers.

The Browsing Room lecture will be the first in a series of eight scheduled for the fall term.

UO Law Review Editor Named

Ridgeway K. Foley of Portland has been named student editor of the Oregon Law Review, a quarterly journal published under the sponsorship of the faculty of the School of Law at the University of Oregon.

The student editorial board is comprised of Charles Merten, St. Paul; Lance W. Tibbles, Heppner; Lavaughn Merryman, Jay W. Whipple and Larry L. Sweringen, all of Eugene.

The publication, which has appeared continuously since April, 1921, affords law students the opportunity to engage in independent legal research and legal writing, and also gives practicing lawyers throughout the state technical discussions in various areas of law.

Editor-in-chief is Wendell Basye, associate professor at the School of Law.

Quake Hits India

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—An earth tremor of moderate intensity shook New Delhi Saturday. There were no reports of casualties.

3 From NCC To Attend Meet

Three Eugeneans will be in Los Angeles through Thursday as official representatives of Northwest Christian College to the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Mr. and Mrs. Ross J. Griffith and the Rev. Carroll C. Roberts are the representatives. Griffith is president of NCC, and Roberts, field representatives.

Griffith will be participating on the convention's board of higher education. Roberts will be attending sessions of the public relations body.

On Wednesday, NCC will host a dinner at the convention for alumni, friends and former students.

Road to Open New Skiing Area

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP)—A new winter sports area is assured for Southern Oregon, County Judge Earl Miller of Jackson County reported Friday.

He said the Oregon and California reversioned land committee had promised \$463,000 for construction of a nine-mile-long road from Siskiyou Summit to Mt. Ashland.

A group of Ashland businessmen have promised to construct a lodge and ski lift if the road is built.

Miller said the road will be graded next summer and gravelled before the first snow.

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