

OVERDRAFTS

(By Ben Hur Lampman)

The Drama in Bungtown

We're shy on cultured drama, and the high toned troupes whiz by with the prima dona's special whisking cinders from the track, and there come no funny minstrel shows to raise our spirits high with the jests that teased the Romans e'er the empire went to wrack—with the gags the Inquisition told their victims on the rack. And it's seldom, very seldom, that the gifted Boston singers, or the noted travel trotter, elevate our humble stage, and its cons since we listened to the novel Swiss bell ringers, or have heard a "troupe of artists" rant the old Avonian's page—O, 'tis ages since we hearkened to the fine tragedian rage. For the cities claim the culture and the box receipts must flow when the talent of the drama condescends to wring the tear; and the

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minstrels, e'en the comics, with their bones and black face show, find a better price for laughter than the folks could pay them here—than the little town could pay them for a smile or a tear. But away with all repining when the lamps are burning low, and the first film burns its title on the cloth; for we all forget the drama when the moving picture show foils the villain as the lovers plight their troth—as the beaten baffled villain waxes wroth. And we've followed Hairbreadth Harry o'er a cactus covered plain, with the bullets kicking dust at every jump, with his trusty Colt's unlimbered and a loosely given rein to a plump and placid broncho on the hump—with the posse trailing rearward and the Winchester's apump. What care we for other drama, who have seen the gang aplot, and the limp and flaccid victim slugged and stranded in the tide; seen the hero, single-handed, macerate and clean the lot, as a little light diversion e'er he went to claim his bride—with a wealth of merced tresses and a fortune on the side. So we take our tears and laughter "canned"—if you would choose the phrase—but we can't say that we miss the "heavies" so; and we give alike unstinted of our censure and our praise when we pay our dime and enter at the moving picture show—Three new films tonight, Melinda—won't you go?

Facts Every Driver of A Car Should Know

What is the Minimum equipment required for my vehicle?

Your automobile must be equipped with headlights, tail light, muffler, horn, rear view mirror, windshield wiper, foot brake and emergency brake, all in good working order.

How strong must my headlights and tail light be?

Your headlights must be strong enough to render clearly visible a person standing in the road 200 feet ahead of your car, under normal conditions. Your tail light must give off a red light plainly visible at least 500 feet to the rear. Your headlights also must not be focused so as to cause a glare in the eyes of approaching drivers.

How does the shape of a warning sign indicate its meaning?

A square sign means "caution" (as "School" or "Men Working"); a diamond shaped sign means "slow" (as "Tunnel" or curve); an octagonal sign in all cases means "stop"; a round sign means "railroad crossing."

How powerful must my brakes be?

The brakes of your car must be capable of stopping it within 9.3 feet from a speed of 10 miles an hour; within 20.8 feet from 15 miles an hour; within 37 feet from 20 miles an hour, and within 58 feet from 30 miles an hour.

What is a traffic lane?

A traffic lane is a marked or imaginary division of the surface of a street or highway wide enough for a single line of vehicles. The law governing use of traffic applies to the unmarked, or imaginary lanes, just as it does to marked lanes.

Does the law compel me to drive in the right hand lane?

The law states that you must normally use the right hand lane, remaining as close to the edge or curb as possible, except where the road is under construction or when you are passing another vehicle. You must drive within a single lane where lanes are marked, and must not leave the lane until you are sure you can do so safely. On a three lane highway, you should use the center lane for passing only.

Am I ever permitted to pass another car on the right?

In a highway of four or more lanes, you may pass another vehicle on the right if you do not exceed the indicated speed in doing so. You may also pass to the right of a vehicle making a left turn.

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1-MINUTE SAFETY TALKS

By Don Herold



Don't Be A Statistic

We can read that 36,800 people have been killed by an earthquake in Japan, and it doesn't make as much of an impression on us as mashing our own finger in a screen door.

We read that 36,800 people were killed, and 967,840 injured in automobile accidents last year, and it isn't so very impressive or depressing, because they are fairly well scattered and remote. Just a lot of people we don't care about.

There is nothing much in such figures to stir us emotionally to fear or caution or to a resolution to drive with exceeding care, ourselves.

Nature, dam her, blesses and curses us with a feeling that WE are going to be exceptions. It takes an unusually intelligent man to read statistics and say: "I'm just as liable to trouble as one of those 967,840. I'd better watch out, or I'll be a statistic, myself, some day."

I mean to make you cringe. I mean to make you hurt a little when you read these automobile accident figures, issued by The Travelers Insurance

Company. I mean to make you subject yourself momentarily to the painful process of imagining one of those 36,800 or 967,840 to be your own child.

Then multiply that wave of anguish by 36,800 or 967,840. Every one of those bleak human units was a precious bit of life to someone. What a major national calamity our automobile toll is when we consider it in this light!

Why try to get home a half hour sooner on Sunday night, why attempt to add 25 miles to your day's trip, why go 70 or 80 miles an hour, just for the fun of it, when you should be doing 50 or 40—when the gamble is with life as precious as the life of that youngster in your own back seat or that somebody else's youngster chasing a rubber ball into the street, even the life of a fairly cheap adult?

When you read these accident statistics, remember you are not reading of toothpicks or matches; you're reading of 36,800 times your own little Bill or Mary or John or Anna.

What should I do upon the approach of a fire engine or ambulance?

You should drive at once to the right hand edge of the street or highway, clear of any intersection, and stop. You should remain there until the vehicle has passed or until instructed to move by police officers.

News Items Gleaned From Oregon Farms

Hot "After-School Lunch Best"

Bend—The "hungeriest time of the day" for most school children is the moment they arrive home from school, believes Mrs. Sara Wertz, home demonstration agent of Deschutes county, who has observed in visiting homes of the county that the boys and girls want to begin eating the minute they arrive. She suggests that it would be well to have some hot dish or soup ready for the youngsters when they get home.

Group to Promote Baker Spuds

Baker—The purpose of the newly formed Baker County Potato Growers' association is to promote the welfare of the local industry, improve price levels and encourage more general use of home-grown potatoes, says County Agent P. T. Fortner, who assisted the group in organizing and planning a program. Clyde Ward of Baker is president of the new association; Albert Brown, Haines vice president, and Robert Kelly, Baker, secretary-treasurer.

Dairyman Praises Manure Tank

Toledo—If the liquid manure tank installed last year on the Christiansen Dairy near Toledo continues to give the same results in the future that it has during the past fall, it will be the biggest one thing that has ever been done to improve the farm, Claus Christiansen told County Agent M. J. Conklin recently. He says the grass has been noticeably ranker and greener on that farm than on neighboring farms this fall, and stands of clover and grass have thickened. Mr. Christiansen believes the ideal way to seed grass is to sow the seed and give the ground a top dressing of liquid manure. He says he has also observed that pastures top-dressed with liquid manure do not seem dry out as much as untreated fields.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of J. M. Hollars, sometimes known as J. H. Hollars, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of the above named decedent has been duly appointed and has qualified and is now acting as the administratrix of the estate of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned administratrix at the office of G. W. Neilson, in the courthouse at Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All persons owing said estate are directed to make payment at said office, the said G. W. Neilson being attorney for said estate.

Dated and first published this 6th day of January, 1938.

IDA M. HOLLARS, Administratrix of the Estate of J. M. Hollars, sometimes known as J. H. Hollars, Deceased.

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In the Matter of the Estate of O. J. McKEE, also known as OMAR J. McKEE, Deceased.

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estate of the above named decedent, and has qualified as such.

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Dated and first published this 6th day of January, 1938.

Nola B. McKee

Administratrix of the Estate of Omar J. McKee, Deceased.

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