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STANDARD DRIVER'S LICENSE LAWS BRING RESULTS

From 1926 to 1933 the motor vehicle death rate, per 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline consumed, dropped 25 per cent in standard license law states, while the rate in other states increased 14 per cent. This further evidence of the progress made under the more stringent examination regulations is cited by the National Safety Council in information supplied P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state.

A comprehensive survey, which took into consideration the varying factors in the accident records and licensing laws of each state, was conducted by the council to further prove its belief that careful testing of the driving ability of motor vehicle operators aids definitely in promoting safety on highways. Several groups were established to classify the states according to conditions of their law operation and of its enforcement.

Since Oregon and West Virginia adopted standard laws and uniform administration in 1931 and could not be included in either the standard law group or with the states lacking operators' examination regulations for the entire period of time checked, accident rates in these two states were not used in the tabulation of the council. However, Oregon's experience in the few years during which the drivers' examination law has been operative has been similar to the national average.

The council comments on one angle of its survey, as follows: "One characteristic common to all the groups is an increase in death rate from 1932 to 1933, but while the advance in the license law states amounted to 4 per cent, the increases in the other groups ranged from 8 to 15 per cent. This provides a test of the law's effectiveness in checking a sudden unfavorable change, for at least a part of the increase came from increases in traffic in the last four or five months of the year when light and weather conditions combine to place skilful driving at a premium."

A LIBERAL INDEPENDENT

H. E. Wirth, candidate for governor on the platform of the "Independent Liberal Party," and G. I. Maxwell, assistant business manager of his campaign, both from Medford, were here Monday. Mr. Wirth was nominated early this year, before the primaries were held in May, and he bases his program on the meaning of the word, "liberal," as defined in Webster's dictionary.

One section of his platform seems to need further explanation. He demands that, "taxes on improvements on real estate be removed, and that taxes on real property and incomes be decreased." How he can do that while the outstanding indebtedness of state and county is what it is, Mr. Wirth has not explained. It's a goal to work for, but is not possible of accomplishment during a four-year term.

Being from Medford, home of Lewellyn A. Banks, who was sent to the pen for murder of a peace officer, Mr. Wirth was asked his opinion of the Banks' case. "He is just where he should be," was the candidate's response, "and if I become governor I will not pardon him." The Sentinel approves his stand on that matter, at least.

THE HUMAN BRAIN

The human brain doesn't wear out. It grows with use. Not long before his death Thomas A. Edison was asked how he kept his youthful outlook. He had been talking, at 82, of things he was going to do next.

"You can keep your brain young by working it hard," he replied. "It grows in power with use. The only thing that grows old about a man is his body. If my stomach holds out I'll be inventing new and better things at 100."

We are convinced that Edison was right. Of course, some men stop thinking, others never did use their brains much. But the man who has a good brain and uses it to its limit grows in ability as time goes on.—Wayne, W. Va., News.

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Only 29,187 Oregon residents filed income tax returns with the state tax commission this year compared to a total of 42,745 who filed returns in 1923. Combined net incomes of the 29,187 reporting this year totalled \$65,063,563 on which a total tax of \$1,155,896.85 was assessed. In 1923 the state collected a tax of \$1,096,296 on combined net incomes totalling \$128,490,600. The larger tax collected on the greatly reduced income this year is accounted for by the increased tax rate applying to the present income tax law.

Only ten individuals reported incomes in excess of \$40,000 this year, whereas in 1923 there were 24 individuals with incomes of \$40,000 or more, ten of these reporting incomes in excess of \$50,000. The ten in the \$40,000 bracket this year paid a total of \$34,448.02 on a combined income of \$495,559 while the 24 in the higher bracket in 1923 reported net incomes of \$1,578,000 on which the state tax totalled \$86,225.

The most numerous group this year was that reporting incomes in the \$1000-\$2000 bracket, there being 12,743 of these returns with a combined net income of \$19,078,686 on which the state tax figures \$168,914.12.

More than 20,000 individuals borrowed books from the state library during the 21-month period ending June 30, last, according to the biennial report of Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. These were in addition to the thousands of patrons of the 1118 traveling library stations maintained by the state library for the convenience of readers in isolated sections which do not have ready access to larger libraries. During the 21 months covered by the report a total of 375,489 volumes were shipped out by the library, or 34,104 more than for the previous full two-year period, indicating a material increase in the demands upon the state library. Of the 375,489 volumes shipped out by the library 60,175 volumes went to public libraries to supplement their collections. State institutions called upon the library for 9356 books during the biennium and 3420 volumes were shipped to OOC and transient camps. Establishment of four new public libraries in Oregon is recorded in the report. These are located at Drain, Gold Beach, Monmouth and Yoncalla.

The federal government has made \$400,000 available for distribution among Oregon farmers and cattlemen this year in the fight to wipe out tuberculosis and Bangs disease. This is an increase from an original allotment of \$58,000 and was secured by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, as a result of his trip to the national capital.

The predicament into which the state has maneuvered itself in its attempt to finance unemployment relief through the sale of certificates of indebtedness seems to emphasize the need for a better check on constitutional legislation at its source rather than waiting until too late to correct defects that crop out when it comes time to put some new law to the test. A firm of nationally known bond attorneys has held the proposed certificates to be in violation of the constitutional inhibition against state debts in excess of \$50,000 without specific consent from the voters. While the opinion is not final and represents only the views of one set of lawyers it is generally regarded as fairly authoritative. When the unemployment relief problem was under consideration at the second special session of 1933 considerable study was given to the provision for issuance of certificates against future liquor profits and it was believed that the constitutional inhibition had been successfully circumvented. This is not the first time that a piece of major legislation has proven to be faulty. Several state guards against such legislative boneheads by having proposed legislation scrutinized by a tribunal or committee of experts. In Massachusetts, Colorado, Rhode Island and a few other states the supreme court may be asked by the governor or the legislature to give an "advisory" opinion on bills which are up for consideration. Wisconsin and a few other states entrust this responsibility to a commission of outstanding lawyers entirely dissociated from the bench.

Six hundred and thirty woods operations in 13 Oregon counties were temporarily shut down by the order of State Forester Cronmiller closing all activities in timbered areas making use of power equipment for the period of the extreme fire hazard brought about by the high temperature and low humidity. The order applied to all that portion of the state west of the Cascades and north of Douglas county. Operations affected included loggers, saw mills, planing mills, wood cutters and highway construction work in the timbered areas. This was the first occasion for invoking this arbitrary authority vested in the state forester by an act of the 1933 legislature. In the opinion of Cronmiller the disastrous Tillamook fire of last year with its loss of some \$20,000,000 to timber interests could have been prevented if precautions now in effect could have been enforced at that time.

Small loan sharks are to be put on the spot again at the next legislative session if present plans of the legislative interim committee materialize. Recommendations which will probably find expression in proposed legislation include material reductions in the interest rate, especially on loans of \$30 or under, and greater supervisory authority vested in the state banking department. Small loan legislation has enlivened several previous sessions and can be expected to

provide its share of diversion for the lawmakers who come to Salem next January.

Gasoline tax evasion has developed into the proportions of a "racket" in the opinion of George Flagg, deputy secretary of state. Neither is the racket confined to Oregon. Both Washington and California are having similar difficulties with fraudulent attempts to elude the state out of money through the use of fictitious refund claims.

For the third consecutive month the Coos Bay Cow Testing association has had the highest butterfat production per cow of any association in the state, according to a report just received at the county agent's office, with a total of 38.86 pounds butterfat.

The Coquille Valley association is third from the highest during the past month with a production of 33.5 pounds of butterfat per cow. Chas. Leatherman, of Coquille, is tester for this association and Fred Bessey, of Marshfield, for the Coos Bay association. The Tillamook association was second in production during July with a total production of 37.13 pounds of butterfat.

A grade Jersey cow owned by Chas. McCulloch on Haynes Inlet, with a production of \$1.4 pounds of butterfat and 1868 pound of milk, was the highest producing association tested cow in the state during July. T. M. Collier, of Coquille Inlet, owned the second highest producing association cow in the state with a July production of 80.5 pounds of butterfat.

Brewster Valley
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson left Friday morning for a two weeks' trip to Klamath Falls. They will visit Mrs. Wilson's sister before returning. Genevieve Crowley and Wanda Houdyshell have gone on a trip to Portland.

Mrs. Ina Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison and children, from

Azuza, California, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Oscar Durrel.

Edwin Crowley has returned home from Port Orford, where he has been peeling tan bark for Mr. Bothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Laird and children returned home Monday from a few days' visit in Roseburg.

A swimming birthday party was given Tuesday in honor of Alton Mayse's ninth birthday, at the river near Mrs. Mae Harvey's home. A lovely birthday cake and punch were served to the following: Orin Kirk, Burton and Charles Wilson, Jackie Mayse, Harry Crowley, Jackie Bridges, Donnie Grove, Mrs. Mae Harvey and Mrs. Lester Mayse.

Those enjoying a picnic on Rock creek near Kenneth Laird's logging camp were Mr. and Mrs. Binger Laird from Roseburg and son, Burton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Laird and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Abernathy, Anles An-

derson, of Merrill, Ore., and two daughters, of Hailey Laird's, Phyllis and Haileta, from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robison have rented the Tom Lawhorn ranch.

A picnic dinner was given on Brummitt creek above Bohlander's. Those enjoying the picnic were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Alford, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Mae Harvey and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mayse and family, Mrs. Bert Mead and grand daughter, Minor Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bohlander and Kermit Shepherd.

Miss Luella Holmes, of Remota, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leslie Groat.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson and two children from Marshfield were in the valley Sunday visiting relatives.

Ernest Krewson and his GCG crew have completed the telephone line to the Brewster Rock lookout.

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