

REDUCE LABOR DAY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Calling for a "rededication of Labor day to the spirit of American workmen," Earl Snell, secretary of state, today urged Oregon citizens to accept personal responsibility for the prevention of traffic accidents during the coming Labor day week end.

"Now, more than ever," Snell declared, "the nation needs the full mobilization of its human resources to assure maximum achievement in our supreme effort

for national defense. The nation can ill-afford tragic loss of manpower caused by traffic death, for truly, the death or injury of a workman in a traffic accident is as significant a loss to the nation as the death or injury of a member of our armed forces."

Increased traffic, caused by holiday driving, increases the accident hazards on the highway unless drivers exercise additional care and avoid dangerous driving practices, he said. The secretary of state urged each individual driver to accept as his responsibility the burden of preventing traffic accidents.

Inasmuch as 75 per cent of the accidents in the state occur on highways in the rural areas, most of them resulting from speed too great for conditions, drivers were asked to observe these simple precautions:

1. Reduce speed before entering curves.
2. Reduce speed at night.
3. When caught in long lines of cars, be patient, don't take dangerous risks attempting to pass the cars in front.
4. Never attempt to pass another car on a curve, while approaching the bow of a hill or when vision is obstructed for some other reason.

5. Don't drive when sleepy or fatigued.
6. Avoid driving after over indulgence in food or drink.

SPECIAL DAYS SET FOR STATE FAIR

Fittingly enough, the opening day of the Oregon state fair at Salem will be dedicated to the laboring man and woman—for the fair opens on Labor day. Other special days arranged for the week are:

Tuesday, September 2, Townsend day and Service clubs' day; Wednesday, Governor's day and Salem day; Thursday, Portland, Realtors' day and American Legion day; Friday, Farmers and Farm organizations' day; Saturday, Editors' and Children's day; Sunday, September 7, Fraternal day.

Women of this locality who expect to enter exhibits in the textiles and domestic baking departments at the fair are reminded that the entry deadlines are the night of August 30. Further details may be obtained from the premium books, copies of which are still available through the fair office at Salem. Entries for amateur photographic art close at 4:00 p. m., August 30.

An innovation this year will be free parking on the fair grounds for all cars arriving before 9 o'clock each morning. This is especially for benefit of those who like to arrive ahead of the crowds so they may examine exhibits and displays more at their leisure; it will also help relieve later congestion at the gates.



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