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EDITORIALS

WHEN JOHN BARLEYCORN DRIVES.

John Barleycorn causes a high percentage of our 35,000 annual traffic deaths.

A report from the California Department of Motor Vehicles shows a condition that exists in many states. California experienced 2,538 traffic deaths last year. Of these, about 21 per cent involved drivers and pedestrians who were known to have been drinking. It is reasonable to assume that liquor was a factor in a much greater proportion, as it is often impossible to legally prove intoxication.

No lethal weapon ever invented by man is more potentially deadly than a mixture of alcohol and gasoline. Medical tests have proven that as little as two or three ounces of liquor will seriously impair a driver's reflexes—even through he may appear to be sober in all respects—and at the same time give him influx of Dutch courage that results in inexcusable recklessness. By the same token, drinking pedestrians, their senses of caution dimmed, unknowingly take the chances that breed death and injury.

There is no excuse for a driver taking the wheel of his car after drinking. Here is a case where the law must be adamant, and must be exerted ruthlessly, impartially and immediately. It is a notorious fact that in many communities, prosecuting and police officials are lax about the drinker at the wheel, and are only too willing to reduce a charge of drunken driving to the less important charge of reckless

ness, if a little "pull" is exerted. The sole consequence of such a policy is to make these drivers believe they can get away with it—and they repeat the offence at the first opportunity.

Drunken driving can be handled by adequate laws, which impose fines, jail terms and license revocation on offenders, coupled with aggressive police and prosecution work. When a fifth of the traffic fatalities in a representative state are known to be the result of liquor, it's time to "crack" down.

CLIMAX NEWS

Mr. George McLain was a Sunday caller at the Wertz home.

Mr. McCorkle and son Richard and Mr. Robinson of Eagle Point were dinner guests at the Wertz home Wednesday. They have been getting poles and posts from L. H. Wertz for use in the construction of a fox farm about two miles north of Eagle Point on the Brownsboro road.

Mrs. Mable Wertz and daughter Norma Jean were callers in Central Point and Medford Tuesday.

Mrs. Meda Combstock and little granddaughter, Gloria Jean Mel

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PROSPECT ITEMS

The young people attending the Nazarene convention at Twin Rocks, were Rev. Hannon, Dolores Dole and Velma Dunagan also Laura Mae Foster and Edna Knowles of Medford went with them. They all report a good time and an inspiring convention.

Velma Fowler and Glen Dole will be married in the Church here Friday night. A lovely wedding is planned.

Lewis Jantzer motored over to Glendale and spent the week end visiting his cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemlinway had the bad luck to wreck their car Saturday. However no one was hurt.

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The Wayman family spent Saturday shopping in Medford.

The Townsend meeting was held at the Nelson Nye home, and enjoyed by all who attended.

A shower was given for the latest bride in our community last Wednesday. The bride, Mrs. Dee Hedgpeh, received many beautiful gifts. About 20 ladies attended. Every one wished them both much happiness.

We are very happy to hear that Mrs. Nye is much improved in health, we have missed her so much in the community activities.

Among the Medford shoppers Monday were Mr. James Dole, Floyd Dole, Glen Dole, Rev. Hannon.

Mrs. James Dole and Mrs. Velma Dunagan called on Mrs. Ivan Nye in the Sacred Heart hospital, Friday, and report Mrs. Nye feeling quite

well, most terribly happy and looking forward to bringing home the little new Nye baby girl.

Miss Gloria Dunagan and brother Wayne are visiting in Medford this week with their aunt Mrs. James Dole of 205 Clark St.

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