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## EDITORIALS

### "SAFE" DRIVERS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Ninety per cent of traffic accidents are caused by experienced, supposedly safe drivers, not by the inexperienced motorist, said Ralph Lee safety expert at the recent Westerns, Safety Conference. He cited a California survey which showed that 75 per cent of traffic fatalities in that state were chargeable to drivers with an average of eight years experience, who had never had a previous accident.

Finally, he said, before accident can be prevented, the popular belief that the great bulk of them are caused by a relatively few congenitally reckless or incompetent persons must be corrected. It is no longer true.

Over-estimating safety factors has turned many a driver who used to be careful, into a dangerous menace on the highways. Where the cars of a few years ago gave you a thrill at 40, the cars of today do 60 and 70 with ease. That makes for comfortable motoring when all goes well—but lack of vibration, and motor smoothness doesn't help when you careen head on into another car at a mile-a-minute clip. And the fact that today's highways are safe, from an engineering standpoint, when compared to the roads of yesterday, doesn't help when you experience a blow-out while you are hitting it up—or speed around a curve to find the road blocked and insufficient room to stop.

It is the average, experienced, "safe" driver who is causing today's

accidents. This is the driver who must be reached by law enforcement agencies, and who must be appealed to be safety campaigns that are to get results.

### POLITICIANS DODGE TAXATION ACCOUNTING

The most vital domestic problem before the next Congress will be taxation. The last Congress did nothing to reduce the tax burden or lower the national debt.

The public has heard too much political bunk promising economy in government. It has listened to too many lies by candidates running on economy and tax reduction programs, who once elected, vote for every spending measure proposed. It is weary of pledges that mean nothing. It wants a definite plan for putting our disordered fiscal house in order.

In recent congressional sessions, bills have been introduced which, among other things, would broaden the tax base—that is, make more persons pay direct taxes to the Federal government. Such plans have the approval of almost every economist and tax expert. Yet, when brought to a vote, they have always been decisively beaten. Politicians fear an equitable tax system which would bring home to the maximum proportion of the population the tax burden it bears. Officeholders hope that our citizens won't learn that 20 to 25 per cent of the cost of everything they buy is represented by taxation. But they are finding it out.

The first essential step is to reduce government spending. The second is to adopt a systematic plan for reducing the debt. The third is to reduce taxes.

Can our senators and representatives dodge an accounting much longer?

### Stone Fruit Growers Warned of Pests

Now is the time for all stone fruit growers to swing the ax on three major pests,—peach root borers, curl leaf, and peach blight, states C. B. Corby, assistant county agent.

Peach root borers cause severe damage to all stone fruit trees but are particularly bad on peach trees. Many trees are killed each year by being girdled at the crown by these borers. The easiest and most effective means of control is by the use of paradichlorobenzene. This material should be applied as soon as

possible as it is not effective after the soil become damp or the soil temperature drops below 55° F. For large trees use 1 ounce, for medium size trees use ½ ounce, for small trees use ¼ ounce. Place this in a narrow band around the base of the tree and about one inch away from the trunk. Cover with about six inches of dirt. Mounds around small trees should be torn down in about one month.

Peach blight causes a killing of twigs and a spotting of leaves and fruit on peach and apricots. The fruit spot is often mistaken for San Jose scale. Best control is obtained by a thorough spraying with a 4-50 bordeaux with ½ to ¾ pound of spreader to 100 gallons before any fall rains. This means that as soon as the fruit is removed the trees should be sprayed. This year all spraying should be completed at least by Oct. 1. Be sure to cover every bud.

If thoroughly applied, the peach blight spray will also control peach leaf curl. No spraying will be necessary until spring when blossom bud activity starts.

### Impatience Cause Many Smashups

Wait for a safe chance to pass other cars on the highway instead of impatiently venturing to pass "right now."

This suggestion is urged upon motorists in a statement by Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, pointing out the risks needlessly invited by improper passing.

"The impatient driver who swings out suddenly, then cuts back in, possibly forcing another off the road or at least causing a bad scare, shows himself to be childish, unthinking, a poor citizen, and a menace to the motoring public," the motor club leader said.

"One of the reasons why so many accidents are the result of improper passing is that impatient drivers over estimate the time saved by passing RIGHT NOW instead of waiting for a safe opportunity. Usually the time saved is so slight that if motorists stopped to think they would never risk a serious accident for so insignificant a gain."

### Crop Limitation Called Unsound

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (IPS)—Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, declared here that

farmers have no reason to fear unlimited crop production.

Mr. Taber said that although his statements was contradictory to those advocating crop controls, he did not want to take issue openly with the government experts, but was confining himself to a statement of principle, namely that limitation of production was unsound.

"With ham being imported by the million pounds from Poland," Mr. Taber pointed out, "and with canned beef coming in by the thousands of tons from South America and with the greatest imports of corn ever known, it would seem that we have quickly forgotten the drought of yesteryear."

### Hawk Strikes House Frightening Woman

Mrs. Minnie Weaver of Sams Valley, formerly of this city had an interesting experience this week. She was busily engaged in canning fruit when she heard a bump as if some heavy object had struck the side of the house. She ran out of the house but at first could see nothing. Finally she noticed a large hawk lying on the ground near the corner of the house. The enormous bird seemed to be stunned and was just recovering consciousness.

Mrs. Weaver endeavored to pick up the bird, but when she touched it it fluttered away. Endeavoring to fly away, it struck the fence. Mrs. Weaver again grabbed for it and this time succeeded in capturing it. She crossed its wings above its back and then bent its tail up in such a manner it was entirely helpless. She had quite a bit of trouble getting its claws free from the fence.

Mrs. Weaver thought she was alone on the place and wondered how she going to hold the bird while she chopped its head off, but just then Mr. Weaver drove up to the barn. Starting for the barn with the giant bird in her arms, Mrs. Weaver thought she saw something in the grass beside the path which looked like a young pheasant or a quail. Holding the hawk with one hand,

she grabbed for the young bird, but missed. Twice she tried to get hold of it, meanwhile holding the hawk as best she could with one hand and fighting to keep from being bit by the vicious bird. In the excitement the smaller bird go away.

Mr. Weaver came to her assistance finally and killed the big hawk, which measured 28 inches from wing tip to wing tip.

### CLIMAX NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wertz were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McCorkle of Eagle Point Sunday.

Ben Oswald, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Von der Hellen and little son Ronald were guests at the Wertz home Saturday evening. Mrs. Von der Hellen was formerly a Bohnert.

Phil Wertz who has been picking pears in the valley, John Gee of North Dakota, and Chester Rote of Illinois were guests at the Wertz home Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst motored to Medford Tuesday.

Miss Norma Jean Wertz left to attend high school in Central Point Monday.

L. H. Wertz motored to Jacksonville Tuesday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wertz of Anderson California, who are visiting friends and relatives in the Rogue River Valley.

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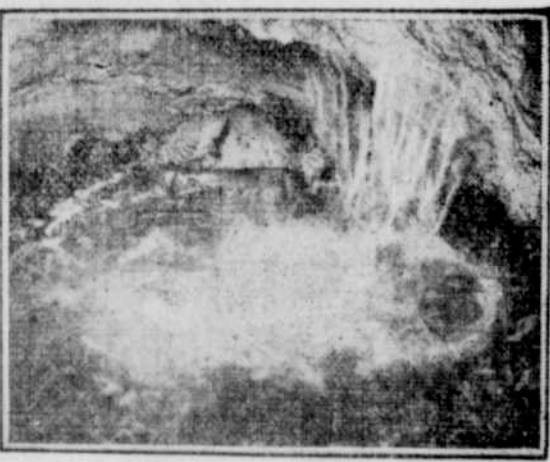
By E. F. (Woodie) Woodman

### Lifting Biggest Building Off The Ground

The biggest building in the world (weighing at least 460 million pounds and covering an entire block) could be lifted completely off the ground with the energy contained in only one gallon of Mobilgas.

G. F. Olsen, technician for General Petroleum, is authority for this statement.

"So help me, it's true," says Olsen, "such an achievement would be possible, if we could use all the energy of the gasoline. Modern motors utilize about one-tenth of this energy. If they used it all, cars would go 200 miles, instead of 20 miles, on a gallon."



### Water Catches Fire

Near Auburn, Washington, is the Flaming Geyser, so called because it actually burns. Strike a match above water of the region and it bursts into flames. It is said that petroleum or gas seepage is the probable cause of the phenomenon.



### Deer Eats From Hand

This fawn, discovered in Sequoia National park by a party of Mobil-oil tourists, walks up and eats from your hand.

### 10,000 Eat Cake

Crowd at Lebanon, Oregon, strawberry festival served with world's biggest short cake (2½ tons). It took three barrels of strawberries, 628 eggs, 425 quarts of milk and cream.

