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EDITORIALS

ONE RESOLUTION YOU SHOULD KEEP

By this time, most of your New Year's resolutions have probably been broken. That's only human. But there's one resolution every one of us should make and keep for the twelve months ahead. Here it is: "I resolve to do my part, as a motorist and pedestrian, to help reduce America's ghastly death and accident toll."

During a large part of 1938, the accident rate declined. But we haven't yet earned the right to compliment ourselves and sit back on our laurels. Tens of thousands of people died unnecessarily this year—the victims of recklessness and ignorance. Tens of thousands more will die unnecessarily this year—unless all of us do something about it. There are three basic approaches to the accident problem. First, comes education. And that doesn't mean just teaching the rudiments of safety to school children. It also means reaching the adult—continuously and pointedly—with those simple instructions and suggestions that, if followed, will reduce the hazards of motoring 90 per cent.

Second, comes law enforcement. Incompetent police—wholesale ticket-fixing—slothful prosecutors—inefficient traffic courts—these are among the best friends the Grim Reaper has. A number of American cities have materially reduced their accident rates by revising their traffic codes, training their traffic police, and doing away with fixing.

Third, comes better street and highway design, to eliminate "accident prone" locations. Many an intersection which was a virtual death trap has been made safe through competent engineering. Every community should start on a long-time program that will gradually do away with this cause of deaths and injuries.

We can have safety—if we want it, and are willing to earn it. This is a universal problem, and its solution depends on the cooperation of us all. We made progress toward that end last year—let's do a great deal more this year.

PLANS FOR AN EDITOR

"A good editor is one who has never made a mistake; who never has offended anyone; who is always right; who can ride two horses at the same time he is straddling a fence with both ears to the ground; who always says the right thing at the right time; who always picks the right horses as well as the right politician to win; who never has to apologize; who has no enemies, and who has worlds of prestige with all classes, creeds and races. There has never been a good editor."—(Minnesota Press.)

Hi-WAYS TO HEALTH
by ADA R. MAYNE
OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

PUDDING DESSERTS

Most successful meal planners find the weather a source of menu inspiration. Hot summer days, for lighter foods and frozen desserts. Fresh greens will predominate in spring meals, and it's during the cold days of midwinter that puddings taste best.

But no matter what the weather or the season of the year, it takes dessert to bring a dinner to a happy ending for most of us. Desserts must receive attention in the planning of the meal. You have, no doubt, experienced sitting through a hearty main course and an equally substantial dessert, and hearing the resulting groans around the table. So learn to fit dessert into the mood

and pattern of your meals—a light dessert for a hearty meal, a hearty top-off for a light meal.

Puddings, especially the ones served hot, are among the most filling of all desserts. Some puddings are complete in themselves. But others taste best served with a sauce. With steaming hot plum pudding, hard sauce made from butter, powdered sugar, and flavoring is perfect. Bread or rice puddings are good with cream or a maple sauce, and plain or whipped cream should top the cornstarch mixtures. After all—it's all a matter of your own favorite combination of flavors.

We often serve ice cream with a hot sauce, but did you ever try a hot pudding with a cold sauce?

News-O-Grams
WHAT—WHERE—WHEN
& WHY

By Archie Parker

He that thinks—and drives, never drinks.

He that drinks—and drives, can't think.

I note with interest the letter of communication (name on file) suggesting the procurement of a recreational center building for the use and entertainment of the young people of our community. I commend the writer for his or her worthy idea, and he it far from me to throw a wet blanket on such a splendid idea, but wait a minute, wait—a minute—I remember when such an idea was carried out—right here in Central Point.

Several years ago my father sunk—and I mean sunk—a bunch of cold cash in one grand Y.M.C.A. building for the use and entertainment of us young people of the town. The upshot of the whole she-bang was, that many people of Central Point lost their money—the Y.M.C.A. lost the building—the Masons got the building and the young people lost the recreation center. Yes—it's a good idea—but why get your fingers burned twice in the same place?

It is interesting to receive the information that "Safe Operation of Motor-Vehicles" is to become a regular high school course. Complete text books are to be used in the newly acquired branch of education.

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The First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Medford reports receipt of another semi-annual dividend from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Portland of which it is a member. Mr. Kyle, Secretary-Manager of the local thrift institution, was informed by the Bank that the payment of this dividend to its stockholders for the six-months' period ending December 31, 1938, amounted to \$43,972.95. A dividend applicable to the first six months of 1938, aggregating \$43,686.70, was paid in July, making total dividend payments to stockholders for the year \$87,659.65.

Approximately 85% of the current dividend will go to the United States Treasury as the largest stockholder in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Portland, the Bank explained. The remaining 15% is being distributed among the Bank's 137 members in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Washington and Alaska, which members hold the remainder of the stock. It is pointed out that the percentage of stock held by member savings and loan associations is constantly rising in relation

to the Government investment. The records of the Eleventh District Bank in Portland show that since January, 1934, the capital stock has increased from \$3,152,875.00 to \$7,943,500.00, or more than doubled.

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